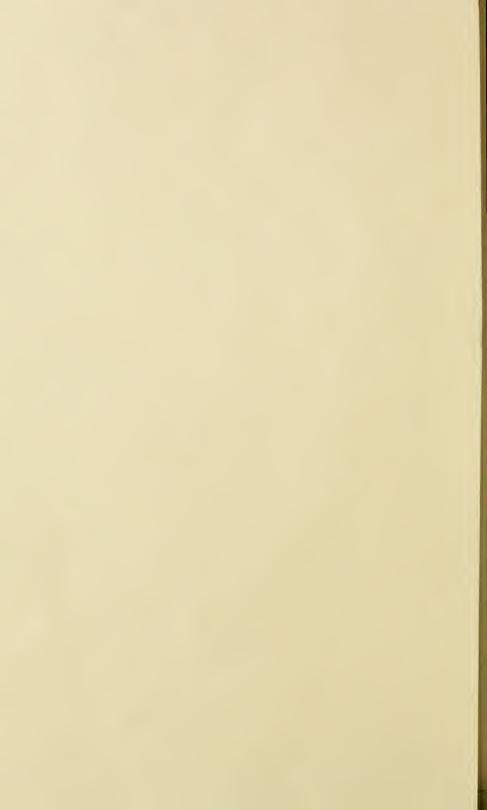
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Sir: I have the honor to transmit herewith a report on Changes in Railroad Freight Classifications, prepared by Mr. Edward G. Ward, jr., of this Division, and to recommend its publication as Circular No. 12, Division of Statistics. The investigation the results of which are embodied in this report was undertaken with the object of determining what effect the important changes in the classification of freight made January 1, 1900, had upon the cost of transporting commodities between New York and Chicago, the freight rates between which points concern the farmer throughout a very large section of the country, both as a producer and as a consumer.

Respectfully,

John Hyde, Statistician.

Hon. James Wilson, Secretary of Agriculture.

CHANGES IN RAILROAD FREIGHT CLASSIFICATIONS.

As the transportation business of the country began to develop, the railroad companies considered it necessary to adopt some system that would insure uniformity in the making of freight rates; they have, therefore, from time to time, constructed classifications with this end in view. In 1887 plans were adopted which led to the formation of what is known as the Official Classification Committee, and on April 1 of that year Official Classification No. 1 was issued, which superseded a large number of local and joint classifications. Protests from shippers, as well as from certain railroads in sections of the territory involved, were made, and a revision was almost immediately begun, resulting in the publishing on July 15, 1887, of Official Classification No. 2. Applications from different interested parties for changes made many revisions necessary, and there have been issued in all twenty successive classifications, the latest having gone into effect January 1, 1900. In this latest schedule, known as Official Classification No. 20, a great many articles were transferred from a lower to a higher class, with

the result of increasing their freight-rates charges, particularly for classes providing for shipments in less than carload quantities. Shippers from all over the country protested against the changes, and the Interstate Commerce Commission was appealed to. The Commission. upon examination of the classification, ordered an inquiry into the matter, which was held in Washington, D. C., on December 21, 1899. After hearing arguments from both the carriers and the shippers, the Commission, at the request of the protesting shippers, who claimed that a violation of the antitrust law had been shown, furnished a "transcript of the proceedings" to the Attorney-General. The Attorney-General reviewed the testimony, and, in a letter to the Commission on December 30, 1899, stated that the facts submitted showed no violation of the antitrust law, but that "if there be a remedy for the complaining shippers, it lies in an appeal to your Commission under the Interstate Commerce Law." The Commission accordingly informed the complainants of the decision of the Attorney-General, and stated that while "the Commission had no power and is not charged with any duty of applying or enforcing the antitrust act, a formal complaint against a carrier or number of carriers, alleging the act to regulate commerce to be violated by the change in classification or increased rate in any commodity, may be filed with the Commission by any person, firm, company, mercantile society, or voluntary association, and will have prompt attention." (The resolutions and petition of the shippers and the official correspondence on the subject are given in full in an appendix to this circular.)

On January 22, 1900, the Official Classification Committee, in joint action with the traffic managers of the New England roads and roads in the Trunk Line and Central Freight Association territory, called a meeting in New York for the purpose of allowing all interested parties to present their views in connection with the new classification. The most prominent feature of the proceedings consisted of the complaints against the increased rates charged for less than carload shipments as compared with the rates charged for carload shipments.

At the conclusion of the hearing the Classification Committee, in conjunction with the traffic managers of the principal roads interested, began a revision of Classification No. 20 for the purpose of eliminating, as far as possible, the objections of the complainants. This led to the preparation of Supplements 2 and 3, which became effective on March 10.

In the following tables an attempt is made to show the increases in Classification No. 20 over Classification No. 19 and to note the effect of such changes on rates between Chicago and New York, expressed in cents per 100 pounds. Such parts of Supplement 2 as tend to restore last year's rates and Supplement 3 in full will be found in the last three tables of the series.

Table 1.—Changes made in Official Classification No. 20, compared with Official Classification No. 19.

[EXPLANATION OF TERMS.—The meaning of the terms used in table, which are those of the Official Classification Committee, is as follows:

D1, double first-class.

s. u., set up.

c. l., carload.

k.d., knocked down.

p.p., prepared prepaid

n.o.s., not otherwise specified.

1, first-class.

1½, one and one-half times first-class.

2. second-class.

21t1, two and one-half times

first-class.

3, third-class.

3t1, three times first-class.

4, fourth-class.

5. fifth-class.

6, sixth-class.

"Old" at head of columns refers to classes and rates as they existed under Official Classification No. 19, which covered a period extending from July 1, 1899, to December 31, 1899, inclusive. "New" refers to classes and rates as they exist under Official Classification No. 20, effective January 1, 1900, with the exception of such modifications as have been caused by supplements issued subsequent to that date.]

	(Classifi	cation		Rate	es per 1	l00 pou	nds.
Article.		than oad.	Carl	oad.		than oad.	Carl	oad.
	Old.	New.	Old.	New.	Old.	New.	Old.	New.
A.	Class.			Class.	Cents.		Cents.	Cents.
Acid, carbolic, crude in barrels or iron drums Acids, in iron drums (n. o. s.)	4	3 3	5 5	5 5	35 35	b 50 b 50	30 30	30 30
Actinolite ore, ground, in bags Agricultural implements and agricultural implement parts, or stock or stuff, in less than carloads, as follows:	1	4	6	5	35	35	25	30
Agricultural tool racks. Binders (k.d.). Binders' trucks, for moving sen-binding har-	3 3	$\frac{1}{2}$			50 50	75 b 65		
vesters (k.d., flat)	3	2			50	b 65		
Bunchers, clover (mowing machine attach- ments) (k. d., flat), in bundles or crates Bundle carriers (attachments for binders, har-	3	2			50	b 65		
vesters, and reapers) (k.d., flat)	3 3	$\frac{2}{2}$			50 50	b 65 b 65		
Corn knives, boxed Corn planters (k. d., flat)	3	2			50	b 65		
Corn planters (k.d., flat)	3 2	$\begin{vmatrix} 2\\1 \end{vmatrix}$			50 65	b 65 75		
Corn shellers, hand		2			50	b 65		
Cultivators, iron or wood (k.d.) Cultivator teeth, in boxes or casks	3	2 3			50 35	b 65 b 50		
Cutters, ensilage (k.d.)	3	3 2			50	b 65		
Cutters, feed (k.d.) Cutters, sod	3 3	2 2			50	b 65 b 65		
Cutters, stalk (k.d.)	3	$\frac{1}{2}$			50	b 65		
Cutter bars and cutting apparatus, boxed Cutter knives, ensilage, feed, or stalk, boxed	3 3	$\frac{2}{2}$			50	b 65 b 65		
Disk furrowers (k.d., flat)	3	2			50	b 65		
Disk pulverizers (k.d., flát)	3 4	2 3			50 35	b 65 b 50		
Engines, traction, minimum weight 10,000 pounds each, to be loaded and unloaded by	1	"			30	000		
pounds each, to be loaded and unloaded by shipper and consignee	3	2			50	b 65		
Engines and drills, traction combined, mini-	"	1 -			30	000		
mum weight 10,000 pounds each, to be loaded	3	2			50	b 65		
and unloaded by shipper and consignee Fanning mill material, wooden, in the white,		-						
(k. d., flat) Forks (n. o. s.), in packages	3	3 2			35 50	b 50 b 65		
Fork heads or fork tines, in bundles	3	2			50			
Fork heads or fork tines, in boxes, barrels, or casks.	4	3			35	b 50		
casks. Grain cradles (k. d.)	Î	a D1			75	150		
Grain cradle bodies (k. d.), in bundles	1	a D1			75	150		
boxed	3	2 2			50	b 65		
Grain cradle fingers Grain drills (k.d., flat)	3 3	$\frac{2}{2}$			50	b 65 b 65		
Harrows (k. d.) Harrows, sectional, iron or steel, folded, flat, or	3	2 2			50	b 65		
Harrows, sectional, iron or steel, folded, flat, or nested, securely wired, in bundles or in crates.	3	2			50	b 65		
Harrow disks, iron or steel, in boxes or barrels	4	3 3			35	b 50		
Harrow teeth, in barrels or boxes. Hay carriers, in packages.	4 3	3	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	•••••	35 50	b 50 b 65		
Haytorks, in packages	3 3	2 2			50	b 65		
a Reduced by Supplement 2, as shown in table 7.	b Re	duced	by Su	ppleme	ent 3, a	show	n in t	able 8.

 $\label{eq:changes} \textbf{Table 1.--} Changes\ made\ in\ Official\ Classification\ No.\ 20, compared\ with\ Official\ Classification\ No.\ 19\\ \textbf{---} Continued.$

		Classif	ication		Rate	es per l	er 100 pounds.				
Article.	Less	than oad.	Carl	oad.		than oad.	Carl	oad.			
	Old.	New.	Old.	New.	Old.	New.	Old.	New.			
Agricultural implements, ctc., in less than car-	Class	Class.	Class	Class	Conto	Canto	Conto	Canta			
loads—Continued. Hay knives, boxed	3	2		Class.	50	b 65	Cents.				
Hay knives, boxed. Hay loaders (k. d., flat).	3	2			50	b 65					
Hay loaders (k. d., at.) Hay presses, loaded in box cars. Hayracks, wooden (k. d.) Hayrickers (k. d., flat) Hay tedders (k. d.). Hoes, in packages.	3 3 3 3 3	$\frac{2}{2}$			50 50	b 65 b 65					
Hayrickers (k, d., flat)	3	2			50	b 65					
Hay tedders (k.d.)	3	2 2 2 3 2			50	b 65					
Hoes, in packages.	3	2		• • • • • •	50 35	b 65 b 50					
Hoeheads, in boxes, barrels, or casks. Horse power (k. d., flat) Mattocks, iron or steel, without handles, in	4 3	2			50	b 65					
Mattocks, iron or steel, without handles, in	n .										
boxes, barrels, or casks. Mowers (k. d.) Mowing knives, boxed. Plows (n. o. s., k. d.). Plows (n. o. s.), with handles taken out and tied in bundles. Plows, shovel and gang (k. d., flat)	4	3 2			35 50	b 50 b 65					
Mowing knives boxed	3 3	2			50	b 65					
Plows (n.o.s., k.d.)	3	2			50	b 65					
Plows (n. o. s.), with handles taken out and		2				1.05					
tied in bundles. Plows, shovel and gang (k. d., flat). Plows, sulky, wheels on or off (k. d.). Plow beams and handles, iron or wood. Plow points, moldboards, shares and wings, in barrels or boxes. Rakes, hand, wooden (k. d.).	3 3	2			50	b 65 b 65					
Plows, sulky, wheels on or off (k. d.)	3	2			50	b 65					
Plow beams and handles, iron or wood	4	3			35	b 50					
Plow points, moldboards, shares and wings, in	4	9			35	b 50					
Rakes, hand, wooden (k, d.)	3	3 2			50	b 65					
Rakes, hand, wooden (k.d.). Rakes, iron, in packages. Rake heads, iron in boxes, barrels, or casks	3	2			50	b 65					
Rake heads, iron in boxes, barrels, or casks	4	3			35	b 50					
Rakes, sulky, horse or revolving (k.d.), shafts and teeth out	3	2			50	b 65					
Rake teeth, iron or steel Reapers (k. d.) Rollers, field Rollers, land (k. d.)	4	3			35	b 50					
Reapers (k.d.)	. 3	2 2			50 50	b 65					
Rollers land (k d)	3	2			50	b 65 b 65					
Rollers, land (k.d.) Rolling coulters, or rolling-coulter blades,		1									
loose	3	2			50	b 65					
Rolling coulters, or rolling-coulter blades, in packages	4	3			35	b 50					
Scythes, in boxes	3	2			50	b 65					
Seats, iron or steel, for agricultural implements, nested in bundles, crates, boxes, or		1									
ments, nested in bundles, crates, boxes, or	3	9			50	b 65					
Seed drills (k.d., flat)	3 3	2			50	b 65					
Sickles, in boxes or barrels	3	2			50	b 65					
barrels Seed drills (k.d., flat) Sickles, in boxes or barrels. Spikes, clover huller and thrashing machine, in boxes or kegs	4	3			35	b 50	1				
Stalk cutters (k, d.)	3 3	$\frac{3}{2}$			50	b 65					
	3	2 3			50	b 65					
Thrasher teeth, in boxes, kegs, or barrels	4	3			35	b 50					
bined, for agricultural implements and			1								
farm wagons	3	2			50	b 65		35			
Ale and beer carriers empty (c. 1 minimum	3	2	4	4	50	b 65	35	50			
Air or steam brake equipment (n.o.s.)	3	2	5	5	50	b 65	30	30			
'This rating will apply only upon shipment of wooden boxes with compartments therein, available for transportation of liquids, in						3	1				
wooden boxes with compartments therein,		1									
Ale, beer, beer tonic, and porter carriers, contain-											
Ale, beer, beer tonic, and porter carriers, containing bottles when being returned (see note to ale and beer carriers), at following estimated											
weights:				-							
Bottles, in cases, with or without covers:	1										
2 dozen quarts, 50 pounds per case. 4 dozen quarts, 90 pounds per case. 2 dozen pints, 35 pounds per case.	1		1								
2 dozen pints, 35 pounds per case.								_			
3 dozen pints, 50 pounds per case.											
Bottles in barrels or casks, with or without											
3 dozen pints, 50 pounds per case. 4 dozen pints, 75 pounds per case. Bottles in barrels or casks, with or without heads, 6 dozen quarts or 10 dozen pints, 125											
pounds per barrel or cask (c. l., minimum weight 15,000 pounds when loaded in brew- ers' returning refrigerator beer cars (Rule											
ers' returning refrigerator beer cars (Rule					1						
5C not to apply), and 20,000 pounds in all					=0	=0	05	30			
other cars)	3	3	6	a 5	50	50	25	30			
(The name of shipper and original point of shipment must be shown on waybills and											
expense bills.)	1	1					.)	11.0			
a Reduced by Supplement 2, as shown in table 7.	b Rec	duced	by Sup	pleme	nt 3, a	s show	n in te	ble 8.			

Table 1.—Changes made in Official Classification No. 20, compared with Official Classification No. 19—Continued.

		Classif	ication	1.	Rate	Rates per 100 pounds.			
Article.		than load.	Carl	load.	Less	than oad.	Carl	oad.	
	Old.	New.	Old.	New.	Old.	New.	Old.	New.	
Ammonia, aqua, or ammoniacal liquor, in barrels or iron drums.	Class.	Class.	Class.	Class.	Cents.	Cents.	Cents.	Cents.	
Ammonia, dry, in barrels or casks	4 3 4	3 2 3	5 4	5 4	35 50 35	a 50 a 65 a 50	30 35	30 35	
Antimony, ground or pulverized, in barrels or casks. Apple or fruit butter, jelly or sauce, in buckets, cans, kits, pails, or tubs.	3	2	5	5	50	a 65	30	30	
Apple or fruit butter, jelly or sauce, in buckets, cans, kits, pails, or tubs, boxed or with top of box slatted	4	3	5	5	35	a 50	30	30	
Apple or fruit butter, jelly or sauce, in kegs, half barrels or barrels Asbestos, in barrels or casks (c. l., minimum weight	4	3	5	5	35	a 50	30	30	
24,000 pounds) Asbestos, building or roofing paper, in rolls or cases. Asbestos, cement	4 4 4	3 3 3	5 5 6	5 5 5	35 35 35	$\begin{array}{c} a 50 \\ a 50 \\ a 50 \end{array}$	30 30 25	30 30 30	
Autographic register machines, crated or boxed (c.l., minimum weight 24,000 pounds)	1	1	4	3	75	75	35	b 50	
Automatic registering machines, crated or boxed (c.1., minimum weight 24,000 pounds)	1 4	1 3	4 5	3 5	75 35	75 a 50	35 30	<i>b</i> 50 30	
В.			1						
Bagging, clayed, in bales or cases	3 3	2 2			50 50	a 65 a 65		· · · · · ·	
pounds) Balls, target, in barrels or boxes (c. l., minimum weight 24,000 pounds)	3	. 2	5	5	50	a 65	30	30	
weight 24,000 pounds) Barrel covers, wooden, nested Barrel hoops, coiled, nested, in bundles. Barrel racks or stands, portable, in bundles or crates	3 3 3	2 2 2 2	5	5	50 50 50 50	a 65 a 65 a 65 a 65	30	30	
	4	3	5	5	35	a 50	30	30	
Patents, empty: Patent fruit barrels (k. d.) in bundles (c. l., minimum weight 24,000 pounds) Tierces, beef, lard, or pork, old, actual weight Empty barrels or kegs, old (not including apple, flour, or sugar barrels, or empty beer	4	3			35	a 50		· · · · · ·	
pāckages), actual weight Empty beer packages, old, at estimated weights as follows: Hogsheads, 200 pounds each; bar- rels, 100 pounds each; half barrels, 60 pounds	4	3	•••••		35	a 50		· · · · · · ·	
rels, 100 pounds each; half barrels, 60 pounds each; quarter barrels, 30 pounds each; sixth barrels, 30 pounds each; eighth barrels, 20 pounds each (c.l., minimum weight 20,000 pounds).	4	3	6	6	35	a 50	25	25	
(The name of shipper and original point of shipment must be shown on waybills and expense bills.) Empty beer packages, old, in returning refrig-									
erator beer cars, at estimated weights as follows: Hogsheads, 200 pounds each; barrels, 100 pounds each; half barrels, 60 pounds each; quarter barrels, 30 pounds each; sixth barrels, 30 pounds each; eighth barrels, 20 pounds each (c. l., minimum weight 15,000 pounds). Rule 5C not to apply	4	3	6	6	35	a 50	25	25	
expense bills.) Barrels, casks, and tierces, empty, all kinds, new or old (n. o. s.) (minimum weight 16,000 nounds)	*	J	U		35	4 50	20	20	
Rule 5C not to apply Barrows, baggage (k.d.) Baseball bats, in packages (c.l., minimum weight	3	2	6	5	50	a 65	25	30	
Baskets (k.d., flat), in bundles	3 3	2 2	5	5	50 50	a 65 a 65	30	30	
Basket material (n.o.s.), not rattan, reed, or willow, in bundles Basket material (n.o.s.), not rattan, reed, or willow, minimum weight 24,000 pounds	4	3			35	a 50			
low, minimum weight 24,000 pounds	4 4	3 3	6 5 5	5 5 5	35 35	a 50 a 50	25 30 30	30 30 30	

a Reduced by Supplement 3, as shown in table 8.

b Reduced by Supplement 3, as shown in table 9.

Table 1.—Changes made in Official Classification No. 20, compared with Official Classification No. 19—Continued.

	Classification. Rates per 100 pounds.										
		Classif	cation	١.	Rate	Rates per 100 pounds.					
Article.		than oad.	Carl	load.		than oad.	Carl	oad.			
	Old.	New.	Old.	New.	Old.	New.	Old.	New.			
Benches, cabinetmakers', wooden (k. d., flat), in bundles, crates, or boxes (c.1., minimum weight 24,000 pounds)	Class.	Class.	Class.	Class.	Cents.	Cents.	Cents.	Cents.			
Benches, dog, for exhibition purposes (k. d., flat or folded flat, c. l., minimum weight 24,000 pounds).	3 1	2	5	5	50	b 65	30	30			
Berry crates (n. o. s.). Bleaching fluid, in wood. Block shells, wood.	$\begin{array}{ c c }\hline 1\\4\\4\\4\\\end{array}$	D1 3 3	5	5	75 35 35	150 b 50 b 50	30	30			
Blocks, brush, wooden, in packages. Blowers, rotary, iron (c. l., minimum weight 24,000	4	3			35	b 50					
pounds). Blue vitriol Boards, cloth, wooden, for wrapping cloth, in bun-	2	a1	5 6	5 5	65	75	30 25	30 30			
Boards, cloth, wooden, for wrapping cloth, in bun- dles or crates(c.l., minimum weight 24,000 pounds) Boiler-cleansing compound, liquid, in barrels (p. p) Boiler covering cement (n. o. s.), in bags.	4 4 4	3 3 3	6 5 6	5 5 5	35 35 35	b 50 b 50 b 50	25 30 25	30 30 30			
Boiler covering cement (n. o. s.), in bags Bone black, hydrocarbonated, in oil, in barrels (minimum weight 400 pounds per barrel) — Change to read: Bone black, hydrocarbonated	4				35						
in oil, in barrels. Bottle stoppers, combination rubber and metal, in		3				b 50					
barrels or boxes. Bottle stoppers, combination rubber, metal, and earthenware, in boxes or barrels.	3 3	2 2		4	50	b 65 b 65		35 35			
earthenware, in boxes or barrels Boxes, cooling, filled with coiled pipe (c.l., minimum weight 24,000 pounds).	3	2	5	5	50	b 65	30	30			
Boxes, fish, empty. Boxes, meat, empty Bread meal or dust, in packages	4 4	3 3			35 35 35	b 50 b 50 b 50					
Brewers' chips or shavings, wooden (c. l., minimum weight 24,000 pounds). Broths and soups, in cans, boxed. Brush blocks, leather, in packages	3 4 3	2 3 2	6 5 5	5 5 5	50 35 50	b 65 b 50 b 65	25 30 30	30 30 30			
Brush blocks, leather, in packages Buckets, galvanized iron, nested in bundles or racks (c.1., minimum weight 20,000 pounds). — Change to read: Buckets, galvanized iron, nested in bundles or racks (c.1., minimum weight	3		5		50		30				
Building cement.	5	3 4	6	4 6	30	50 35	25	35 25			
Bulbs, garden, in packages (p. p.) (c. l., minimum weight 24,000 pounds) Bullets, in boxes	2 4	1 3	5 5	5 5	65 35	75 b 50	30 30	30 30			
Burners, oil stove, in boxes or barrels (c. l., minimum weight 24,000 pounds)	3 4	2 3	5 5	5 5	50 35	b 65 b 50	30 30	30 30			
Burr blocks (for gristmills) Butchers' blocks (c. l., minimum weight 24,000 pounds) Butchers' meat racks (k. d.), crated or boxed	4 3	3 2	5	5	35 50	b 50 b 65	30	30			
C.											
Camphor, in packages (c. l., minimum weight 20,000 pounds)	2	1	3	3	65	75	50	50			
Camphor flowers, or sublimed camphor, in packages (c.1., minimum weight 20,000 pounds)	2 4	1 3	3 5	3 5	65 35	75 b 50	50 30	50 30			
Candle stock (n.o.s.) Candy, in pails or cases weighing not less than 25 pounds each	4 3	3	5	5 5	35 50	b 50	30	30			
—— Change to read: Candy, in pails or cases weighing not less than 25 pounds each (c.l., minimum weight 30,000 pounds).		2		3		b 65		50			
Candy, in cases, drums, or palls, securely crated to- gether in packages, weighing not less than 25 pounds.	3				50						
——— Change to read: Candy, in cases, drums, or pails, securely crated together in packages, weighing not less than 25 pounds (c. 1 minimum						b.cs		50			
weight 30,000 pounds) Candy, in half barrels or barrels Change to read: Candy, in half barrels or	3	2	3	3	50	<i>b</i> 65	50				
barrels (c.l., minimum weight 30,000 pounds) Cans, fruit, or oyster, tin, in crates, boxes, or barrels. Canton matting (c. l., minimum weight 24,000	2	2 1		3	65	b 65 75		50			
pounds). Canvas, jute, in bales or cases	2 3	$\frac{1}{2}$	4	4	65 50	75 b 65	35	35			
a Paducad by Cumplement 2 as shown in table 7	h D	hooreh	har Car	nnlom	ont 2 c	echou	n in t	oble 8			

a Reduced by Supplement 2, as shown in table 7.

b Reduced by Supplement 3, as shown in table 8.

Table 1.—Changes made in Official Classification No. 20, compared with Official Classification No. 19—Continued.

		Classif	ication		Rate	es per 1	l00 pou	oounds.					
Article.		than oad.	Carl	oad.	Less	than oad.	Carl	oad.					
	Old.	New.	Old.	New.	Old.	New.	Old.	New.					
Capstan bars, wooden, in the white (c.l., minimum weight 24,000 pounds)	Class.	Class.	Class.	Class.	Cents.	Cents.	Cents.	Cents.					
Carpeting, jute or hemp	2	1			65	75							
plaited, corrugated, or indented, in rolls (c.l., minimum weight 24,000 pounds) Carpet sweepers, boxed (c. l., minimum weight	4	3	5	5	35	a 50	30	30					
24,000 pounds) Carriage or wagon springs. Cartridge shells, paper or metallic (c.l., minimum	2 4	1 3	5	5	65 35	75 a 50	35 30	35 30					
weight 24,000 pounds)	2 4	1 3	4	3	65 35	75 a 50	35	50					
Car seals, clay, lead, or tin, in boxes or barrels Car springs, rubber, steel, or volute Car trucks (k. d.) (c. l., minimum weight 24,000	4 4	3 3	5 5	5 5	35 35	a 50 a 50	30 30	30 30					
pounds)	4	3	5	5	35	a 50	30	30					
Casings, sausage, nog, or beet, in barrels or tierces	1 4 4	3 3	5 5	3 5 5	75 35 35	75 a 50 a 50	35 30 30	b 50 30 30					
bundles, bales, or barrels	4 4	3 3	ő	5	35 35	a 50 a 50	30	30					
barrels. — Change to read: Cement, fruit can or jar, in	4		5		35		30						
boxes or barrels. Cement, gas fitters', in boxes or barrels Cement, magnesia Cement, metal Chloride of calcium, in barrels or iron drums. Churns (completely k. d.), boxed	4 4 4 4 4 3	3 3 3 3 2 2	5 6 5 5	5 5 5 5 5	35 35 35 35 35 50	a 50 a 50 a 50 a 50 a 50 a 65	30 25 30 30	30 30 30 30 30					
Churns (completely k.d.), boxed. Cider, in tank cars, to be furnished by shippers; minimum weight maximum capacity of tank; empty tanks returned free.			. 4	5			35	30					
Clay pigeons, in boxes, barrels, casks, or crates (c. l., minimum weight 24,000 pounds)	3 4	2 3	5 5	5 5	50 35	a 65 a 50	30 30	30 30					
Coal-saving compound, dry, in boxes or barrels Coal tar, in tank cars, to be furnished by shippers; minimum weight maximum capacity of tank;	4 4	3 4	5 6	5	35 35	a 50 35	30 25	30 30					
empty tanks returned free			6	5			25	30					
pounds). Cocoanut-skin shavings or refuse, in bags or barrels (c. l. minimum weight 24 000 pounds)	3	3	6	5	50 35	50 a 50	25 25	30					
rels (c. l., minimum weight 24,000 pounds) Coffee, in single or double sacks. Coffee, ground or roasted (c. l., minimum weight	4	3	6	5	35	a 50	25	30					
24,000 pounds). Cogs, wooden, in barrels or boxes. Coke tar, in packages.	3	3 2 4	6	5	35 50 35	a 50 a 65 35	25 25	30					
Collar pads, in bales or boxes (c. l., minimum weight 16,000 pounds). Rule 5C not to apply	2 3	$\frac{1}{2}$	3	3	65 50	75 a 65	50	50					
Corncobs, minimum weight, 20,000 pounds	-		6 6	5 5		0.00	25 25	30 30					
Corn husks, in bales (c. I., minimum weight 20,000 pounds). Rules 5C and 5E not to apply ———————————————————————————————————	. 1		. 6		75		. 25						
to apply	4 3	$\frac{1}{3}$	6	5 5	35 50	75 a 50 a 65	25	30 30					
Cotton-flannel lining, in bales or cases. Cotton presses (k.d.) (c.l., minimum weight 24,000 pounds). Cotton-seed hulls or motor machine compressed in	. 3	2	5	5	50	a 65	30	30					
Cotton-seed hulls or motes, machine compressed, in bales. Cotton shoddy lining, in bales or cases.	4 3	3 2	6	5	35 50	a 50 a 65	25	30					
Cotton warp, in bales. Cotton yarn, in bales. Cracker meal or dust in packages	3	2 2 3			50 50	a 65 a 65							
Crates (n. o. s.), empty	1	. Di	6		35 75	a 50							
Creosote, in wood	-1 4	1 3	6	5	35	a 50	25	30					

Table 1.—Changes made in Official Classification No. 20, compared with Official Classification No. 19—Continued.

tion No. 19-	-Cont	inue	i.							
		Classif	cation		Rate	es per 1	100 pounds.			
Artiele.		than oad.	Carl	oad.	Less	than oad.	Carl	oad.		
	Old.	New.	Old.	New.	Old.	New.	Old.	New.		
Crockery (n.o.s.), in barrels (c.l., minimum weight 24,000 pounds)	Class.	Class.	Class.	Class.	Cents. 35	Cents. b 50	Cents.	Cents.		
Crockery (n.o.s.), in crates, tierces, casks, or hogsheads (c.l., minimum weight 24,000 pounds) Crushers, iron ore, rock, or stone Crystals, washing	4 4 4	3 3	5 5 6	5 5 5	35 35 35	b 50 b 50 b 50	30 30 25	30 30		
Curd, milk, dried, in bagsor barrels (c. l., minimum weight 24,000 pounds) Cuspidors, cast-iron (n. o. s.), in crates, barrels, or	3	3	6	5	50	50	25	30		
casks	4	3	5	5	35	b 50	30	30		
Cutters, kraut, in crates or boxes (c. l., minimum weight 24,000 pounds) Cutters, slaw, in crates or boxes (c. l., minimum	3	2	5	5	50	b 65	30	30		
weight 24,000 pounds) Cylinders, gas, dental, empty Cylinders, pump, hand iron (c. l. minimum)	3 3	2 2	5	5	50 50	b 65 b 65	30	30		
Cylinders, pump, hand, iron (c. l., minimum weight 24,000 pounds)	. 3	2	5	5	50	b 65'	30	30		
D. Dairy spades, wooden, in crates or boxes	3	2			50	b 65				
Deer tongue (leaves), pressed in bales (c.l., minimum weight 20,000 pounds) —— Change to read: Deer tongue (leaves), in compressed bales (c.l., minimum weight 20,000	2		5		65		30			
pounds)	3	1 2		4	50	75 665		35		
Dental gas, in cylinders. Diggers, post-hole (c. l., minimum weight 24,000 pounds).	3	2	5	5	50	b 65	30	30		
Dippers, steam shovel, iron or steel (c.1., minimum weight 24,000 pounds) Disks or circles, tin, in boxes or barrels.	3 4	2 3	5 5	5 5	50 35	b 65 b 50	30	30 30		
Dry goods: Cotton goods, in the piece, in bales or boxes	3	2			50	b 65				
E.										
Elevator buckets, iron or steel, nested in packages (c. l., minimum weight 24,000 pounds)	. 4	3	5	5	35	b50	30	30		
packed in barrels Embalming fluids, in barrels or kegs Emery in keys barrels or casks	3 4 4	3 3	5	5	50 35 35	b 65 b 50 b 50	30	30		
Emery, in Kegs, barrels, or casks Epsom salts, in barrels Excavators, and pond or road scrapers, on wheels (s.u.)	1	3 3	6	5	35	b 50	25	30		
Excavators, and pond or road scrapers, wheels detached	1 2	1	ģ		. 75 . 65	75				
Excavators, and pond or road scrapers, without	2	1			65	75				
Excavators, and pond or road scrapers, without wheels (k.d.)	. 3	2			. 50	b 65				
F.										
Faucets, iron, in boxes or barrels Faucet blocks, wooden, in the white (c. l., minimum weight 24,000 pounds)	4	3	5	5	35	b 50	30	30		
(minimum weight 24,000 pounds)	4	3	5 6	5 a5	35	b 50	30	30		
Firecrackers, well and securely packed Fire tongs, iron (n.o.s.), in packages. Fish, canned (n.o.s.), boxed.	$\frac{1}{3}$	D1 2	5	5	. 75 50	150 b 65	30	30		
Fish, canned (n.o.s.), boxed. Fish, herring, smoked, in boxes or kegs. Fish pickled or salted (n.o.s.) in proclames	. 4	3	5 6	5 5	35 35	b 50 b 50	30 25	30 30		
Fish, herring, smoked, in boxes or kegs. Fish, pickled or salted (n. o. s.), in packages. Fish, salted, in paper packages, packed in boxes. Fish, sardines or shadines, in cans, boxed	5 - 4 4	3 3	6 6	5 5 5 5	30 35 35	35 b 50 b 50	25 25 25 25	30 30 - 30		
Flour notate in sacks or barrals actual weight	-/ 4	3 3	6 6	5 5	35 35	b 50 b 50	25 25	30 30		
Flour paste, in barrels. Flour scoops, wooden, boxed or crated Flour shovels, wooden, boxed or crated Flour potential in crates, ticrees, casks, or	3 3	3 2 2	5	5	35 50 50	b 50 b 65 b 65	30	30		
Flowerpots, carthen, in crates, tierces, casks, or hogsheads (c. l., minimum weight 24,000 pounds)	. 4	3	5	5	35	b 50	30	30		
hogsheads (c.1., minimum weight 24,000 pounds) Frames, packing (paper), iron, in packages. Fruit, canned (n. o. s.), boxed Fruit-jar rings, rubber, in packages.	4 4 3	3 3 2	5 5 4	5 5 4	35 35 50	50 50 565	30 30 35	30 30 35		
a Poduced by Cumplement 2 as shown in table 7		, 2	11 0	, 4	- 50	000		. 11 0		

a Reduced by Supplement 2, as shown in table 7.

b Reduced by Supplement 3, as shown in table 8

Table 1.—Changes made in Official Classification No. 20, compared with Official Classification No. 19—Continued.

		Classifi	cation		Rates per 100 pounds.				
Article.		than oad.	Carl	load.		than oad.	Carl	load.	
	Old.	New.	Old.	New.	Old.	New.	Old.	New.	
Curniture: Chairs, cane, wood, or veneer seat, in the white, k. d., tops and legs separated, seats and backs nested, legs and rounds nested or k. d. and packed flat, in bundles, crates, or boxes (minimum weight 24,000 pounds) Towel racks, iron, or iron and wood combined,	Class.	Class.	Class.	Class.	Cents.	Cents.	Cents.	Cents.	
in boxes or barrels (minimum weight 24,000			5	4			30	35	
Towel racks, wooden, in boxes or barrels (minimum weight 24,000 pounds) Chairs, cane, wood, or veneer seat, in the white, k.d., tops and legs separated, seats and backs			5	4			30	38	
k. d., tops and legs separated, seats and backs nested, legs and rounds nested or k. d. and packed flat, in bundles, crates, or boxes. Towel racks, iron, or iron and wood combined, in boxes or barrels.	3	2 2			50 50	a 65			
Towel racks, wooden, in barrels or boxes	3	$\frac{1}{2}$			50	a 65			
Gas, oxygen, in iron or steel tubes or cylinders	3 4	2 4	6	5	50 35	a 65 35	25	30	
Gas tar, in tank cars, to be furnished by shippers: minimum weight maximum capacity of tank; empty tanks returned free			6	5			25	30	
dimension	3		5		50		30		
Common, window (n. o. s.), 80 united inches and under in dimension. ———————————————————————————————————	4	3	5	5	35 35	50	30	3	
Insulators, glass, in barrels or boxes Glauber salts, in barrels Glucose, in cans, packed in boxes or barrels Glue, in barrels or casks (c.l., minimum weight	4 4 4	3 3 3	6 5	5 5 5	35 35	a 50 a 50 a 50	25 30	31	
24,000 pounds) slue, liquid, in kegs, half barrels, barrels, or casks lluestock sizing or scraps, in barrels, bales, or sacks. Change to read: Glue sizing, in kegs, half	4 4 4	3 3	5 5	5 5	35 35 35	a 50 a 50	30 30	31	
barrels, barrels, or casks Glue stock sizing or scraps Change to read: Glue sizing, in kegs, half		3	5			a 50	30		
barrels, parrels, or casks Grapes, in kegs, half barrels, or barrels(p.p.)(c. l., minimum weight 20,000 pounds)	2	1	3	5 2	65	75	50	b 6	
Grape pomace Grape sugar, in boxes or barrels Grass, sea, pressed, in bales (c.l., minimum weight	2 5 4	4	6	5	30 35	35 35	25	3	
20,000 pounds) Grease (n.o.s.), in boxes or barrels Greenhouse pots, earthen, in crates, tierces, casks, or hogsheads (c. l., minimum weight 24,000	1 4	1 3	6 5	5 5	75 35	75 a 50	25 30	3 3	
Grindstones, loaded in box cars	4 4	3 3	5	5	35 35	a 50 a 50	30	3	
Grindstones and grindstone frames (k. d. flat or folded flat), securely crated or boxed. Grindstone frames (k. d. and tied in bundles) Guts, hog or beef, in half barrels, barrels, or tierces.	4 4	3 3			35 35	a 50 a 50			
H.	4	3	5	5	35	a 50	30	3	
Hair (n. o. s.), in barrels. Hair, yarn, in compressed bales Hame sticks, in the white, in crates or boxes Hand pumps, iron (c. l., minimum weight 24,000	2 3 4	1 1 3			65 50 35	75 75 a 50			
Hemp, in bales (c. l., minimum weight 20,000	3	2	5	5	50	65	30	3	
pounds.). Hides, furs, pelts, robes, and skins: Goatskins, pickled, in barrels	4	3	5	5	35 35	a 50 a 50	30	3	
Hogskins, pickled, in barrels. Sheepskins, pickled, in barrels. Sheepskins, pickled, in barrels. Hoof stuffing, in bulk, in tubs, kegs, half barrels, or barrels.	4 4	3 3			35 35 35	a 50 a 50 a 50			
or barrels	4	3	5	5	35	a 50	30	3	

a Reduced by Supplement 3, as shown in table 8.

b Reduced by Supplement 3, as shown in table 9.

 $\begin{tabular}{ll} \textbf{Table 1.--} Changes \ made in Official \ Classification \ No.\ 20, compared \ with \ Official \ Classification \ No.\ 19--- Continued. \end{tabular}$

	Classification. Rates per 100 pounds										
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Article.		oad.	Carl	oad.	carl	oad.	Carl	oad.			
	Old.	New.	Old.	New.	Old.	New.	Old.	New.			
Hoofe in peakeres	Class.	Class.	Class.	Class.	Cents.	Cents. a 50	Cents.	Cents.			
Hoofs, in packages Hoops, sieve or riddle rim, coiled (c. l., minimum weight 24,000 pounds)	3	2	5	5	50	65	30	30			
Horn pith	4 4	3 3	5	5	35 35	a 50 a 50	30	30			
Horn tips or ends, in packages. Horns (n. o. s.), in packages. House-door hangers, in packages.	4 4	3 3	₅	5	35 35	a 50 a 50	30	30			
House-door hangers in packages House movers' materials, consisting of capstans (second-hand), chains, jackscrews, pulleys, ropes, heavy timbers, wooden rollers, etc	4	3	5	5	35	a 50	30	. 30			
I.											
Insulators, porcelain, in boxes, barrels, or casks Iron and steel:		3	5	5	35	a 50	30	30			
Barn-door hangers. Barn or house door hanger tracks	4 4	3	5 5	5 5	35 35	a 50 a 50	30 30	30 30			
Car replacers, iron	4	3	5	5	35	a 50	30	30			
wagons, etc., in packages. Cocks, iron	4	3 3 3	5 5	5 5	35 35 35	a 50 a 50 a 50	30 30 30	30 30 30			
Cocks, iron Dumb-bells, iron, in crates, boxes, or barrels. Fence, steel, picket (k. d.), in bundles Fencing and railing, iron (n. o. s., k. d.), in	4 4	3	5 5	5 5	35	a 50	30	30			
bundles. Fencing, wire, in rolls (c. l., minimum weight	4	3	5	5	35	a 50	30	30			
24,000 pounds)	4 4	3 3	5 5	5 5	35 35	a 50 a 50	30 30	30 30			
Fencing and railing, wrought-iron, in panels Fifth wheels, packed in barrels or boxes Gluepots, iron	4 4	3 3	5	5	35 35	a 50 a 50	30	30			
Hinges, iron or steel, in boxes, kegs, barrels, or casks.	4	. 3	5	5	35	a 50	30	30			
Hinges, iron or steel, securely wired together in bundles, weighing 15 pounds or over per bundle	4	3	5	5	35	a 50	30	30			
Hinges, spring, iron or steel, in boxes, barrels, or casks.	4	3	5	5	35	a 50	30	30			
Hitching posts, iron (n.o.s.)	4	3	5	5	35	a 50	30	30			
machinery Hydrants and valves, iron	4	3	5 5	5 5	35 35	a 50 a 50	30	30 30			
Lamp-posts, iron Lightning rods and fixtures, iron, in boxes	4	3	5 5	5 5	35 35 35	a 50 a 50	30 30	30 30			
Mauls, iron, in boxes, barrels, or casks Pans, dripping, sheet-iron, nested and tied with wire or marline	4	3	5	5	35	a 50 a 50	30	30			
Pans, dripping, sheet-iron, nested, with stake supports, well secured	4	3	5	5	35	a 50	30	30			
Pans, dripping, sheet-iron, nested, crated, or boxed	4	3	5	5	35	a 50	30	30			
Pans, iron, nested, in boxes or barrels Pans or skillets, iron or steel, nested, in boxes	4	3	5	5	35	a 50	30	30			
or barrels Picks, iron or steel, in boxes or barrels	4	3 3 3	5 5	5 5	35 35 35	a 50 a 50 a 50	30 30 30	30 30 30			
Railing, iron (n. o. s., k. d.), in bundles	4 4 4	3 3	5 5	5 5	35 35	a 50 a 50	30	30			
Rolls, iron, for iron or steel rolling-mill machin- ery	4	3	5	5	35	a 50	30	30			
Screws, iron, in boxes or kegs Screws, steel, in boxes	4 4	3 3	5	5	35 35	a 50 a 50	30	30			
Shot, iron, chilled, in double bags, boxes, kegs, barrels, or casks.	4	3	5	5	35	a 50	30	30 30			
Skillets, iron or steel, nested, in boxes or barrels. Sledges, iron, in boxes or casks	4	3 3 3	5	5	35 35	a 50 a 50	30	30			
Springs, car, steel or volute Springs, locomotive, iron or steel Staples, iron, coppered or galvanized, in boxes	4 4	3	5 5	5 5	35 35	50 50	30	30			
or kegs	4		5		35		30				
Staples, iron, coppered, in boxes or kegs Staples, iron, galvanized, in boxes or kegs		3 4		5 5		a 50 35		30 30			

a Reduced by Supplement 3, as shown in table 8.

Table 1.—Changes made in Official Classification No. 20, compared with Official Classification No. 19—Continued.

		Classif	ication		Rate	es per	100 poi	00 pounds.				
Article.		than oad.	Carl	oad.		than oad.	Carl	oad.				
	Old.	New.	Old.	New.	Old.	New.	Old.	New.				
Iron and steel—Continued. Steel, crushed, chilled or granulated, in double bags, boxes, kegs, barrels, or casks Switch or signal targets, railroad, iron Telegraph poles, iron. Rule 5C not to apply Track gauges, iron	Class. 4 4 4 4 4	Class.	Class. 5 5 5 5 5 5	Class. 5 5 5 5 5	Cents. 35 35 35 35	Cents. b 50 b 50 b 50 b 50 b 50	Cents. 30 30 30 30	Cents. 30 30 30 30				
Trolley poles, iron, in the rough, without attachments or fixtures Valves, iron Vault and prison work, iron Vises, iron Water gates, iron Wheels, iron or steel, machine finished (n. o. s.). — Change to read: Wheels, iron or steel, machine finished (n. o. s.)(c. l., weight 24,000	4 4 4 4 4 3	3 3 3 3 3	5 5 5 5 5 5	5 5 5 5 5	35 35 35 35 35 50	b 50 b 50 b 50 b 50 b 50	30 30 30 30 30 30 30	30 30 30 30 30				
pounds). Wheels, propeller, iron. Change to read: Wheels, propeller, iron (c. l., minimum weight 24,000 pounds). Wheels, water, iron (n. o. s.).	3	2 2	5 5	5 5	50	b 65 b 65	30	30				
Wheels, water, iron (n.o.s.) — Change to read: Wheels, water, iron (n.o.s.)(c.l., minimum weight 24,000 pounds) Wire, iron, coppered or galvanized. — Change to read: Wire, iron, coppered. Wire, iron, galvanized.	4	3 4	5	5 5 5	35	b 65 b 50 35	30,	30 30 30				
Wire fencing, in rolls (c. l., minimum weight 24,000 pounds) Wire rope, iron or steel, on reels or in coils Wrenches (n. o. s.), boxed.	4 4 4	3 3 3	5 5	5 5	35 35 35 35	50 50 550 550	30 30	30 30				
J. Jacks, car or track Jacks or jackscrews, iron, boxed. Japan wax. Jute butts. Jute yarn, in bales. K.	4 4 4 4 3	3 3 3 4 a1	5 5 6	5 5 5	35 35 35 35 50	b 50 b 50 b 50 35 75	30 30 25	30 30 30				
Kennels, dog or poultry (k.d., flat or folded flat), crated or boxed (c. l., minimum weight 24,000 pounds). Key blanks, iron or steel, in the rough, unfinished, in boxes, kegs, barrels, or casks. Knobs, door or furniture, mineral, in boxes, barrels, or casks	3 4 4	3 3	5 5 5	5 5 5	50 35 35	b 65 b 50 b 50	30 30 30	30 30 30				
L. Land plasters (n. o. s.). Land plasters, medicated (bug killer), in barrels. Lard, in stoneware. Lard, in cans or pails, loose Lard, in cans or pails, crated or boxed. Lard, in boxes or barrels. Lard, in tubs. Lasts, iron (n. o. s.), in boxes, barrels, or casks. Lasts, lap, iron, in boxes or barrels. Last stands, iron, in boxes or barrels or casks. Last stands, iron, in boxes, barrels, or casks. Last stands, iron, in boxes, barrels, or casks. Last stands, iron, in boxes, barrels, or casks. Last stands, iron, in boxes or barrels. Last stands, iron, in boxes, carels, or casks. Last mowers (k. d.), crated or boxed, handles in bundles (c. l., minfumum weight 24,000 pounds). Lightning rods and fixtures, combination copper and iron, in boxes. Lime (n. o. s.), in barrels or casks. Limewater, in barrels Limewater, in barrels. Liquors, alcohol, high wines, and whisky (n. o. s.), in wood.	5 4 2 2 3 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4	4 31 22 33 33 33 33 34 43 33 2	65555555555555555555555555555555555555	655555555555555555555555555555555555555	30 35 65 50 35 35 35 35 35 35 35 35 35 50	35 50 75 565 500 500 500 500 500 500 50	25 30 30 30 30 30 30 30 30 30 30 30 30 30	25 30 30 30 30 30 30 30 30 30 30 30 30 30				
Locomotive netting or spark arrester, in rolls Locomotive smoke box fronts, iron or steel Locomotive springs, iron or steel Lye, concentrated Reduced by Supplement 2 as shown in table 7	4 4 4 4	3 3 3	5 5 5 5	5 5 5 5 5	35 35 35 35	b 50 b 50 b 50 b 50 b 50	30 30 30 30 30	30 30 30 30				

a Reduced by Supplement 2, as shown in table 7. b Reduced by Supplement 3, as shown in table 8.

 $\label{eq:thm:changes} \begin{array}{ll} \textbf{Table 1.--Changes made in Official Classification No. 20, compared with Official Classification No. 19---Continued.} \end{array}$

	Classification. Rates per 100 po								
Article.		than oad.	Carl	load.	Less	than oad.	1	load.	
	Old.	New.	Old.	New.	Old.	New.	Old.	New.	
м.									
Machinery, machines and mills: Cotton gins, taken apart and boxed (c.l., minimum weight 24,000 pounds) Iron ore, rock, or stone crushers. Machine, sewing (s.u.), boxed or racked Machine, sewing, entirely k. d. and boxed or	Class.	Class.	Class. 5 5	Class. 5	Cents. 50 35 75	Cents. a 65 50	Cents. 30 30	Cents. 30 30	
racked	2				65				
crated or boxed Machines, sewing (s. u.) (minimum weight 12,000 pounds). Rule 5C not to apply Machine, sewing (k. d.), crated or boxed (minimum weight 24,000 pounds) — Change to read: Machines, sewing (minimum visible 16,000)		1	2			75	65		
intum weight 10,000 pounds). Kuie 50 hot			4				35		
to apply. Machinery, rolling mill, iron, rough (c. l., minimum weight 24,000 pounds). Machinery, belt fasteners, iron or steel, in	4	3	5	5	35	a 50	30	50 30	
Magnesia, in boxes or kegs.	4 2	3	5 5	5	35 65	a 50	30 30	30	
Change to read: Magnesia, in boxes or kegs (c.l., minimum weight 20,000 pounds) Magnesia, in bags, barrels, or casks Changet and Magnesia in bags barrels	4	2	5	4	35	65	30	35	
Change to read: Magnesia, in bags, barrels, or casks (c.l., minimum weight 20,000 pounds) Magnesite, in bags, barrels, or casks Mangers, stable, iron, loose (c.l., minimum weight	4	3 3	5	4 5	35	a 56 a 50	30	35 30	
24,000 pounds) Mangers, stable, iron, in crates or boxes (c. l., minimum weight 24,000 pounds) Marble or granite blocks or slabs, chiseled, polished,	3 4	3	5 5	5 5	50 35	a 65 a 50	30 30	30 30	
Marble or granite blocks or slabs, chiseled, polished, or dressed, boxed, valuation restricted to 40 cents per cubic foot.	4	3	5	5	35	a 50	30	30	
Marble or granite blocks or slabs, sawed or ham- mered, boxed or not boxed, valuation restricted to 40 cents per cubic foot	4	3	5	5	35	a 50	30	30	
Marble or granite tombstones or monuments, boxed or crated, valuation restricted to 40 cents per cubic foot	4	3	5	5	35	a 50	30	30	
(Cut stone, marble tombstones, monuments, and statuary, in pieces, weighing 3 tons or over, to be loaded and unloaded at risk and expense of shipper and consignee.)		,							
Mast arms, poles and pole irons, electric-light or railway iron Mats and rugs, grass, in bales (c.l., minimum weight	. 4	3	5	5	35	a 50	30	30	
24,000 pounds) Matting (n. o. s.) (c. l., minimum weight 24,000	2	1	4	4	65	75	35	35	
pounds) Matting, cocoa, hemp, jute, or pine fiber (c. l., min- imum weight 24,000 pounds)	$\frac{2}{2}$	1 1	4	4	65	75	35 35	35 35	
Measuring pumps, from (c. f., minimum weight 24,000 pounds)	3	2	5	5	50	a 65	30	30	
Meats: Beef in barrels, 374 pounds per barrel (see note under tripe)	4 4	3 3	5 5	5 5	35 35	a 50 a 50	30 30	30 30	
Beef in tierces Cattle or ox tails (edible), dried or salted, in boxes, barrels, or casks Livers, pickled, in barrels or casks		3 3	5 5	5 5	35 35	a 50 a 50	30 30	30 30	
boxes, barrels, or casks. Livers, pickled, in barrels or casks. Meats, canned (n. o. s.), boxed. Meats, dried (n. o. s.), in boxes, barrels, or casks. Meats, potted, in glass or earthenware, boxed.		3 3	5 5	5 5	35 35	$\begin{array}{ c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c$	30 30	30 30	
(c. l., minimum weight 20,000 pounds) Mcats, potted, in cans, boxed Meats, salted, boxed	2 4 4	1 3 3	3 5 5	3 5 5	65 35 35	75 a 50 a 50	50 30 30	50 30 30	
Meats, smoked (except tongues), in barrels,	1					1			

a Reduced by Supplement 3, as shown in table 8.

Table 1.—Changes made in Official Classification No. 20, compared with Official Classification No. 19—Continued.

		Classif	ication	1.	Rate	es per l	100 pou	inds.
Article.		than oad.	Car	load.	Less	than oad.	Carl	oad.
	Old.	New.	Old.	New.	Old.	New.	Old.	New.
Meats—Continued. Sausage, bologna or smoked, in barrels, boxes, casks, or kegs Sausage, canned	Class.	Class.	Class.	Class.	Cents. 35 35	Cents. b 50 b 50	Cents. 30 30	Cents. 30 30
Tongues, lambs', in glass or earthenware, boxed (e.l., minimum weight 20,000 pounds) Tongues, pickled, in barrels or casks. Tripe, pickled, in barrels or kegs. (Beef and pork, in barrels, actual weight, except when weight can not be ascertained, when the minimum weight will be 374	2 4 4	1 3 3	3 5 5	3 5 5	65 35 35	75 550 550	50 30 30	50 30 30
pounds per parrel.) Meat preserving compound, in kegs, barrels, or casks	4 3 3 3	3 2 2 2 2	5	5 5	35 50 50 50	b 50 b 65 b 65 b 65	30	30
Mince-meats, in buckets, cans, kits, pails, or tubs, boxed or with top of box slatted. Mince-meats, in kegs, half barrels, or barrels	4 4 4	3 3 3	5 5 5	5 5 5	35 35 35	b 50 b 50 b 50	30 30 30	30 30 30
Mineral water carriers, empty or containing empty bottles (c.l., minimum weight 20,000 pounds) — Change to read: Mineral water carriers, empty or containing empty bottles (c. l., minimum weight 20,000 pounds).	3		5		50		30	
mum weight 20,000 pounds) (The above rating will apply only upon shipments of wooden boxes with compartments therein available for the transportation of liquids in glass or the return of empty bottles.)		a2		5		b 65		30
Mineral wax, crude	4	3 3	5 5	5 5	35 35	b 50 b 50	30 30	30 30
rels, barrels, or casks. Moss, nursery (c.l., minimum weight 24,000 pounds). Moss, peat (c.l., minimum weight 24,000 pounds)	4 3 3	3 3	6 6 6	5 5 5	35 50 50	35 50 50	25 25 25	30 30 30
O. Oil, creosote, in wood Oil, creosote, in tank cars to be furnished by ship-	4	3	6	5	35	b 50	25	30
pers; minimum weight maximum capacity of tank; empty tanks returned free Oil, petroleum, kerosene, carbon, mineral, or coal; benzine, benzole, gasoline, and naphtha, in wood.	3	2	6	5	50	65	25	30
Oil, pine, in tank cars to be furnished by shippers; minimum weight maximum capacity of tank; empty tanks returned free Ore, rock, or stone crushers, iron			6	5			25	30
ore washers (k. d.) (c. l., minimum weight 24,000 pounds).	4 4	3 3	5 5 6	5 5 5	35 35 35	50 50 50 35	30 30 25	30 30 30
Oxide of iron, in kegs, barrels, or casks Oysters, spice or cove, in cans, boxed. Oyster shells, ground, in burlap or cotton bags, barrels, or casks.	4	3 a3	5	5	35 35	b 50 50	30 25	30 25
Р.								
Paints, earth, iron, metallic, mineral, or ocher (not zinc or zinc oxide), dry, in bags, kegs, half barrels, barrels, or casks. Paper-packing frames, iron, in packages. Panardine wax.	4 4 4	4 3 3	6 5 5	5 5 5	35 35 35	35 b 50 b 50	25 30 30	30 30 30
Peas, dried, coarse, in bulk. Pea hulls, in barrels or sacks Pea hulls (minimum weight 24,000 pounds) Pea hulls, in bulk (15,000 pounds and over, and less than 24,000 pounds) Picker sticks wedgen for use in wedgen wilk (a.)	5	4	6	a 5	30	35	25 25	30
minimum weight 24,000 pounds) Pigs' feet, packed Pigs' feet, pickled	5 4 4 4	3 3 3	5 5 5	5 5 5	35 35 35	35 b 50 b 50 b 50	30 30 30	30 30 30
Pitch (n. o. s.). Pokers and shovels, fire, iron (n. o. s.), in packages	4	4 2	6 5	5 5	35 50	35 b 65	25	30 30

a Reduced by Supplement 2, as shown in table 7.

b Reduced by Supplement 3, as shown in table 8.

Table 1.—Changes made in Official Classification No. 20, compared with Official Classification No. 19—Continued.

		Classif	ication	1.	Rat	es per	er 100 pounds.					
Article.		than load.	Carl	load.	Less	than oad.	Car	load.				
	Old.	New.	Old.	New.	Old.	New.	Old.	New.				
Posts, nitching, iron (n. o. s.)	Class,	Class.	Class. 5 5	Class. 5 5	Cents. 35 35	Cents. 50 b 50	Cents. 30 30	Cents. 30				
Potato sorters (k. d., flat), in bundles, erates, or boxes (c. l., minimum weight 24,000 pounds)	3 4	2 3	5 5	5 5	50 35	b 65 50	30 30	30 30				
or hogsheads (c.l., minimum weight 24,000 pounds). Potters' pins and stilts, in barrels or hogsheads Powders, soap, dry, in packages. Powders, washing, dry, in packages.	4 4 4	3 3 3	5	5 5	35 35 35	50 b 50 b 50	30	30				
Powders, washing, dry, in packages. Preserves, in buckets, cans, kits, pails, or tubs. Preserves, in buckets, cans, kits, pails, or tubs, boxed, or in top of box, slatted. Preserves, in kegs, half barrels, or barrels.	3 4	3	6 5 5	5	35 50 35	<i>b</i> 50	25 30 30	30				
Preserves, in kegs, half barrels, or barrels	1	2 3	5	5 5	35	b 65 b 50	30	30				
Preserves, in kegs, barrels, or casks. Pumps, hand, iron (c. l., minimum weight 24,000 pounds).	8	3 2	5	5	50	b 50 b 65	30	30				
R. Riddle or sieve rims, in bundlesRiddle or sieve rim hoops, coiled (c. l., minimum	3	2			50	b 65						
weight 24,000 pounds) Rigging, loose	3 4 4	2 3 3	5	5 5	50 35 35	b 65 b 50 b 50	30	30				
Rivets, iron, coppered, in boxes or kegs. Road graders, on wheels (s. u.) (c. l., minimum weight 24,000 pounds) Road graders, wheels detached (c. l., minimum weight 24,000 pounds) Road graders, without wheels (s. u.) (c. l., mini- mum weight 24,000 pounds) Road graders without wheels (k. d.) (c. l. mini- mum weight 24,000 pounds)	1 2	$1\frac{1}{2}$	5	5	75 65	112½ 75	30	30				
weight 24,000 pounds) Road graders, without wheels (s. u.) (c. l., minimum weight 24,000 pounds) Road graders, without wheels (k. d.) (c. l., minimum weight 24,000 pounds)	2	1	5	5	65	75	30	30				
mum weight 24,000 pounds) Road-scraper blades, steel Rod grease or wax, in barrels. Rods, iron or steel, brass or copper covered, in pack-	3 4	2 2 3	5 5 5	5 5 5	50 50 35	b 65 b 65 b 50	30 30 30	30 30 30				
ages. Roofing felt or paper, in rolls, bundles, or crates Rotten stone Rubber, scrap Rubber heels (for boots and shoes), in boxes	4 4 4 4 3	3 3 4 2	5 5 5 6	5 5 5 5	35 35 35 35 50	b 50 b 50 b 50 b 50 b 65	30 30 30 25	30 30 30 30				
S. Sad irons, in barrels or boxes	4	3	5	5	35	<i>b</i> 50	30	30				
Salt, in barrels Sand (n. o. s.), in bags or barrels Scales, hopper, stationary (k. d.) (c. l., minimum weight 24,000 pounds)	5	4 4			30 30	35 35						
24,000 pounds)	3	2 2	5 5	5 5	50 50	b 65 b 65	30	30 30				
Scales, warehouse platform, stationary (k. d.) (c. l., minimum weight 24,000 pounds)	3	2	5	5	50	b 65	30	30				
weight 24,000 pounds) Scoops, combined wood and iron or tin, in crates, boxes, or barrels (c. l., minimum weight 24,000	3 4	3	5	5 5	50 35	b 65 b 50	30 30	30 30				
pounds). Scoops, potato or corn, in bundles	3 3 4 4	2 2 3 3	5	5	50 50 35 35	b 65 b 65 b 50 b 50	30	30				
barrels Sewer-gas traps iron	4	3	5 5	5 5	35 35	50 b 50	30 30	30 30				
Shavings (p. p.) (for purifying gas), in sacks (c. l., minimum weight 24,000 pounds). Shavings, wood, in bales (c. l., minimum weight 20,000 pounds)	3 2	2 2	6	5 a 5	50 65	b 65	25 25	30 30				
a Reduced by Supplement 2, as shown in table 7.				pleme								

a Reduced by Supplement 2, as shown in table 7. b Reduced by Supplement 3, as shown in table 8.

 $\begin{tabular}{ll} \textbf{TABLE 1.--Changes made in Official Classification No. 20, compared with Official Classification No. 19---Continued.} \end{tabular}$

	(Classifi	cation	.	Rate	es per	per 100 pounds.		
Article.		than oad.	Carl	oad.		than oad.	Carl	load.	
	Old.	New.	Old.	New.	Old.	New.	Old.	New.	
Shavings, wood, in bulk (minimum weight 20,000 pounds)	Class.	Class.	Class.	Class.	Cents.	Cents.	Cents.	Cents.	
Shells, block, wood	4 4	3 3	5	5	35 35	50 b 50	30	30	
minimum weight 24,000 pounds) Shot, in double bags Shot, in kegs	3 4 4	2 3 3	5 5 5	5 5 5	50 35 35	65 b 50 b 50	30 30 30	30 30 30	
Shot and bullets, in boxes Change to read: Shot, in boxes.	4	3	5	5	35	b 50	30	30	
Shovels and spades in packages	3	2			50	b 65			
Shovels, scoop, with wooden handles, nested, in bundles (c. l., minimum weight 24,000 pounds). Signals, semaphores, train order (k. d.), in pack-	3	2	5	5	50	b 65	30	30	
ages (c. l., minimum weight 24,000 pounds) Silicate slates, boxed (c. l., minimum weight 24,000	3	2	5	5	50	b 65	30	30	
pounds)	4 4	3	5 5	5 5	35 35	b 50 b 50	30 30	30 30	
Slate lintels, window sills, copings, stairways, floor tiles, and ridge poles	4	3	5	5	35	b 50	30	30	
nounds)	4	3	5	5	35	b 50	30	30	
Soap, in packages Soap, soft Soap extract, dry, in packages Soapstone	4	3	6	5 5	35 35	b 50 b 50	25 25	30	
Soap extract, dry, in packages	4	3	6	5 5	35	b 50	25	30	
Soap tablets, in packages	4 4	3 3	6	5	35 35	b 50 b 50	25 25	30	
Spool heads, wooden, in the rough, in bags, crates, boxes, or barrels (c. l., minimum weight 24,000 pounds).	4	3	5	5	35	b 50	30	30	
Spool wood, in bundles (c. l., minimum weight								1	
24,000 pounds)	3	3 2	5	5	35 50	b 50 b 65	30	30	
Springs, wringer (not coiled), iron or steel	4	3	5	5	35	b 50	30	30	
Starch, in sacks, boxes, or barrels	4 4	3 3	6 6	5 5	35 35	b 50 b 50	25 25	30	
Statuary, bronze or metal, packed in boxes, barrels, or casks, net invoice value not to exceed \$50 per package, to be so expressed in shipping receipt									
Same, net invoice value exceeding \$50 per	1				75				
package. —— Change to read: Statuary, bronze or	D1				150				
metal, packed in boxes, barrels, or casks		1	٠			75			
Stearine, in sacks, barrels, or tierces. Stereotype backing powder, in packages	4	3 3	5	5	35 35	b 50 b 50	30	30	
Stone, pumice, ground or unground Stone boats (c. l., minimum weight 24,000 pounds)	4 4	3 3	5 5	5 5	35 35	b 50 b 50	30 30	30	
Stone, whet, sand Straw (n. o. s.), pressed in bales (c. l., minimum weight 20,000 pounds). Rules 5C and 5E not to	4	3	5	5	35	50	30	30	
apply Change to read: Straw (n.o.s.), pressed in bales (c. 1., minimum weight 20,000 pounds).	1		6		75		25		
Rule 5C not to apply	:	1		5		75		30	
rels	4	4	6	5	35	35	25	30	
Sulphate of iron Syrup, in cans, packed in boxes or barrels	4	3	6 5	5 5	35	b 50	25 30	30	
T. Tallow			_	_	05	3.50			
Tallow Tanks, galvanized iron (n. o. s.) (c. l., minimum weight 20,000 pounds)	1 1 1 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2	3	5 4	5	35 112½	b 50	30 35	30	
Change to read: Tanks, galvanized iron	13		*		1129		90		
(n.o.s.) (c.l., minimum weight 16,000 pounds) Tar (n.o.s.), in buckets or kegs.	2	$\frac{\mathrm{D1}}{2}$	6	3 5	65	150 65	25	50 30	
Tar (n.o.s.), in buckets or kegs. Tar (n.o.s.), in barrels. Tar, candle, in barrels.	4	4	6	5	35	35	25	30	
Target, shooting gallery, iron, in packages (c. l.,	3	4	5	5	50	35	30	30	
Target, shooting gallery, iron, in packages (c. l., minimum weight 24,000 pounds) Telegraph insulators, glass in barrels or boxes	3 4	2 3	5 5	5 5	50 35	b 65 50	30 30	30 30	
a Reduced by Supplement 2, as shown in table 7.					ent 3, a				

Table 1.—Changes made in Official Classification No. 20, compared with Official Classification No. 19—Continued.

		Classif	ication	١.	Rate	es per 1	100 por	ınds.
Article.		than load.	Car	load.	Less	than oad.	Car	load.
	Old.	New.	Old.	New.	Old.	New.	Old.	New.
Tiling, floor or facing, encaustic or plain, glazed or unglazed, in packages. Tiling, marble and slate, boxed.	Class.	Class.	Class.	Class.	Cents. 35 35	Cents. b 50 b 50	Cents. 30	Cents.
Tin dairy pails, nested, packed in crates or cases (c. l., minimum weight 20,000 pounds). — Change to read: Tin dairy pails, nested, packed in crates or cases (c. l., minimum weight	3	2	4	4	50	b 65	35	95
24,000 pounds) Tin or metal foil battle caps (n. o. s.), in boxes. Tin straps or fasteners, in boxes or barrels. Tin strips, in barrels or boxes. Tinware (n. o. s.), nested, in crates, boxes, or barrels.	2 4 4 3	2 3 3 2	5 5	4 5 5	65 35 35 50	65 b 50 b 50 b 65	30 30	35 35 30 30
Tobacco stems, compressed, in bales (minimum weight 24,000 pounds) Tomatoes, canned, boxed Tow, in boxes or bales	4 4	3 3	6 5	a 5 5	35 35	b 50 b 50	25 30	30 30
Tracking, overhead, iron (for packing houses, warehouses, etc.). Trays or waiters, tin or sheet iron, japanned, boxed. Trucks, hand, two-wheeled (c. l., minimum weight	4 3	3 2	5	5	35 50	b 50 b 65	30	30
24,000 pounds) Trucks, hand, four-wheeled, without sides, stakes, or hand rails (c. l., minimum weight 24,000	3	2	4	4	50 50	b 65	35 35	35 35
pounds). Turpentine, in tank cars, to be furnished by shipper; minimum weight maximum capacity of tank; empty tanks returned free			6	5			25	30
V.								
Vacuum pans, fixtures, and parts (c. l., minimum weight 24,000 pounds) Vegetable wax (n. o. s.) Vegetable and garden roots:	2 4	2 3	4 5	5 5	65 35	65 b 50	35 30	30 30
Cabbage, in crates or hogsheads (p. p.) Pumpkins, in packages (p. p.) Tomatoes (c. l., minimum weight 20,000 pounds) — Change to read:	4 4 1	3 3	4		35 35 75	b 50 b 50	35	
Tomatoes, in baskets with wooden tops(c.l., minimum weight 20,000 pounds). Tomatoes, in baskets without wooden tops (c.l., minimum weight 20,000 pounds)		1 1½		4		75 112‡		35 35
Tomatoes (n. o. s.) (c. l., minimum weight 20,000 pounds) Vegetable or garden roots, winter: Bects, carrots, onions, parsnips, squash, and		1		4		75		35
turnips (p. p.) (c. l., minimum weight 24,000 pounds). Vcgctables, canned (n. o. s.), boxed	4 4	3 3	5 5	5 5	35 35	<i>b</i> 50 50	30 30	30 30
Vehicles of all kinds (n.o.s.), in carloads Vehicles (n.o.s.), two-wheeled or four-wheeled, (k. d.), crated or boxed, shafts or poles wrapped, wheels inside or outside if bundled or crated flat, as follows:			4	a3			35	50
Package, not to exceed 30 inches in height and 94 inches in length. Package exceeding 30 inches in height, but not exceeding 50 inches in height, and not exceeding 94 inches in length.	1	112			75	1121		
Package not exceeding 30 inches in height, but exceeding 94 inches in length	1½ 1½	D1 D1			112½ 112½	150 150		
Package exceeding 30 inches, but not ex- ceeding 50 inches, in height and exceed- ing 94 inches in length. Package (n. o. s.). Poles, buggy, carriage, or wagon, finished (min-	$\begin{array}{c} { m D1} \\ { m 2} \\ { m 1} \\ { m 2} \\ { m 1} \end{array}$	2½t1 3t1			150 187½	$187\frac{1}{2}$ 225		
inum weight 24,000 pounds) — Change to read: Poles, buggy, carriage, or wagon, finished (minimum weight 16,000 pounds)			4	3			35	c 50

a Reduced by Supplement 2, as shown in table 7. b Reduced by Supplement 3, as shown in table 8. c Reduced by Supplement 3, as shown in table 9.

Table 1.—Changes made in Official Classification No. 20, compared with Official Classification No. 19-Continued.

•	Classifi	cation	•	Rate	s per 1	l00 pou	inds.
		Carl	load.			Carl	oad.
Old.	New.	Old.	New.	Old.	New.	Old.	New.
Class.	Class.	Class.	Class.	Cents.	Cents.	Cents. 35	Cents.
			3				c 50
		4				35	-
		4	3			35	c 50
			3				c 50
		4				35	-
4	3		a3	35	b 50		50
		4	5			35	30
3 4	3	6 5	5 5	50 35	b 65 b 50	25 30	30 30
. 3	2	4	4	50	b 65	35	35
. 3	2			50	b 65		
3	2			50	b 65		
. 3	2			50	b 65		
. 3	2	5	5	50	b 65	30	30
3	2	5	1	50	b 65	30	30
3 3	2 2 2	5 4 4	5 4 4	50 50 50	b 65 b 65 b 65 b 65	30 35 35	30 35 35
4	3	5	5	35	b 50	30	30
	Less carl Old. Class. - 4 - 3 - 4 - 3 - 3 - 3 - 3 - 3	Less than carload. Old. New. Class. Class. 3 2 3 2 3 2 3 2 3 2 3 2 3 2 3 2 3 2 3	Less than carload. Carload. Old. New. Old. Class. Class. Class. 4	carload. Carload. Old. New. Old. New. Class. Class. Class. Class.	Less than carload. Carload. Less carload. Old. New. Old. New. Old. Class. Class. Class. Cents.	Less than carload. Carload. Less than carload. Old. New. Old. New. Old. New. Class. Class. Class. Class. Cents. Cents.	Less than carload. Carload. Less than carload. Carload. Old. New. Old. New. Old. New. Old. Class. Class. Class. Cents. Cents. Cents. Cents. 35

a Reduced by Supplement 2, as shown in table 7. b Reduced by Supplement 3, as shown in table 8. c Reduced by Supplement 3, as shown in table 9.

Table 1 shows all the changes, whether increases or decreases, by comparing the classification given to each of the affected commodities in No. 20 and the rate applied thereto in consequence of such classification with the classification of the same commodities in No. 19 and the resulting rates. This is the most important table in the group, as

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it brings prominently forward all the features which led to the dissatisfaction of the shippers and to their subsequent endeavors to obtain An attempt has been made to present these changes so that their significance may be at once completely grasped and their relative importance properly weighed. Changes in freight rates between Chicago and New York caused by these changes in classes are also given. For example, the first article appearing in the table—carbolic acid—is changed from class 4 to class 3. The rate on 100 pounds of merchandise in less than carload quantities between Chicago and New York in class 4 is 35 cents, while the rating for articles in class 3 for the same amount and between the same points is 50 cents. This means an increased charge of 15 cents on every 100 pounds of carbolic acid shipped between Chicago and New York in less than carload quantities. All other changes have been similarly treated. A glance at the table will show that the first four columns have been devoted to a comparison of classes in Classifications Nos. 19 and 20 in both carload and less than carload quantities, while the last four show the modifications in rates on the same article between Chicago and New York caused by these class differences.

Upon examination of the figures found in this table it will be seen that there are 513 increases in less than carload classes and 91 increases in carload classes, making a total in all of 604 advances in class rating. Among the increases in less than carload quantities, 104 may be said to relate to shipments of any quantity, for although only appearing in the less than carload column of the classification, they are meant to cover shipments of both kinds.

Agricultural implements in less than carload quantities were greatly affected by these changes and 74 increases in class appear in this division, which is more than 14 per cent of the total number of less than carload changes.

Agricultural products are somewhat increased in rating owing to the general advance in class, but as compared with agricultural implements the increase is small. So many products of the soil are given special commodity rates that an intelligent study of the increase or decrease in the cost of their transportation could hardly be made by a comparison of the classifications.

A great many of the increases found in this table have been modified, and in a few cases entirely eliminated, by the subsequent issues of Supplements 2 and 3 to Official Classification No. 20. These supplements went into effect March 10, 1900, and have been made the basis of tables 7, 8, and 9, in an endeavor to show how far they tend to restore the rates as they existed under last year's classifications.

The reductions in class are very small, being but 5 in number, and are not of a significant nature so far as the agriculturist is concerned.

Table 2.—Number of changes, by classes, in Official Classification No. 20.

[EXPLANATION OF TERMS.—The meaning of the terms used in table, which are those of the Official Classification Committee, is as follows:

D1, double first class.

1, first class.

11, one and one-half times first class.

2, second class.

2½t1, two and one-half times first class.

3, third class.

3t1, three times first class.

4, fourth class.

5, fifth class.

6, sixth class.]

Classes.	Any quantity.	Less than carload.	Carload.
Advances: 2\(\) 1 to 2\(\) 1 to 2\(\) 1 1\(\) 1 to D1 2\(\) 1 3\(\) 10 3\(\) 10 3\(\) 10 4\(\) 10 5\(\) 10 6\(\) 10 6\(\) 10 8\(\) 10 Reductions: D1\(\) 10 3\(\) 10 4\(\) 10 8\(\) 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10	1 2 3 2 5 2 41 41	Number. 0 0 1 2 2 20 11 125 2255 3 0 0 1 0	Number. 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 12 7 71 0 0 3

Table 2 consists of a summary of all advances and reductions found in table 1, arranged in such a manner as to show relatively the extent of modification to which each class has been subjected.

Class 4 appears to be more heavily affected than all other classes combined, there being about 51 per cent of the total number of advances made from this class to class 3. Next in order come the changes from class 3 to class 2, with nearly 28 per cent of all advances. The remaining 21 per cent is distributed among the other classes, advances in carload classes from 6 to 5 including nearly 12 per cent.

This summary plainly shows that outside the first two divisions of classes the advances were comparatively few, and that so far as the remaining changes in less than carload classes were concerned, 5 per cent would cover them all.

Table 3.—Increases in carload classes made in Official Classification No. 20, compared with Official Classification No. 19.

[EXPLANATION OF TERMS.—The meaning of the terms used in table, which are those of the Official Classification Committee, is as follows:

s. u., set up.

c. l., carload.

that date.]

k.d., knocked down.

p. p., prepared.

n.o.s., not otherwise specified.

3, third class.

4, fourth class.

5, fifth class.6, sixth class.

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"Old" at head of columns refers to classes and rates as they existed under Official Classification No. 19, which covered a period extending from July 1, 1899, to December 31, 1899, inclusive. "New" refers to classes and rates as they exist under Official Classification No. 20, effective January 1, 1900, with the exception of such modifications as have been caused by supplements issued subsequent to

		Carl	oad.	
Article.		sifica- on.		s per ounds.
	Old.	New.	Old.	New.
A. Actinolite ore, ground, in bags. Ale and beer carriers, empty: Bottles, in cases, barrels, or casks. Asbestos, cement. Autographic register machines, crated or boxed (c. l., minimum weight		Class. 5 5 5 5	Cents. 25 25 25 25	Cents. 30 30 30
24,000 pounds). Automatic registering machines, crated or boxed (c. l., minimum weight 24,000 pounds).	4	3	35	50
В.				
Barrels, casks, and tierces, empty, all kinds, new and old (n.o.s.) (minimum weight 16,000 pounds). Rule 5C not to apply Basket material (n.o.s.) not rattan, reed, or willow (minimum weight 24,000 pounds).	6	5	25 25	30
Blue vitriol Boards, cloth, wooden, for wrapping cloth, in bundles or crates (c. l., mini-	6	5	25	30
mum weight 24,000 pounds). Buckets, galvanized iron, nested in bundles or racks (c. l., minimum weight 24,000 pounds).	6 5	5 4	25 30	30
23,000 pounds)		7	50	30
Cartridge shells, paper or metallic (c.1., minimum weight 24,000 pounds) Cash registers, crated or boxed (c.1., minimum weight 24,000 pounds) Cement, boiler covering (n.o.s.), in bags. Cement, magnesia. Coal tar	4 4 6 6 6	3 3 5 5 5	35 35 25 25 25 25	50 50 30 30 30
Coal tar, in tank cars to be furnished by shippers; minimum weight maximum capacity of tank; empty tanks returned free. Cocoanut husks (c.l., minimum weight 24,000 pounds). Cocoanut skin shavings or refuse, in bags or barrels (c.l., minimum weight	6 6	5 5	25 25	30 30
24,000 pounds) Coffee, in single or double sacks Coffee, ground or roasted (c. l., minimum weight 24,000 pounds) Coke tar, in packages Copperas. Corneobs (minimum weight 20,000 pounds) Corn husks, in bales (c. l., minimum weight 20,000 pounds) Cornosive pots Cotton-seed hulls or motes, machine compressed, in bales. Creosote in wood. Crystals, washing Curd, milk, dried, in bags or barrels (c. l., minimum weight 24,000 pounds).	6666666666	55555555555555	25 25 25 25 25 25 25 25 25 25 25 25 25 2	30 30 30 30 30 30 30 30 30 30
D.				
Deer tongue (leaves), in compressed bales (c. l., minimum weight 20,000 pounds)	5	4	30	35
E. Epsom salts, in barrels	6	5	25	30
F.				
Fertilizers, tobacco, compressed in bales or sacks (minimum weight 24,000 pounds). Fish, herring, smoked, in boxes or kegs	6	5 5	25 25	30 30

Table 3.—Increases in carload classes made in Official Classification No. 20, compared with Official Classification No. 19—Continued.

		Car	load.	
Article.		sifica-		es per ounds.
	Old.	New.	Old.	New.
Fish, pickled or salted (n. o. s.), in packages. Fish, salted, in paper packages, packed in boxes Fish, sardines or shadines, in cans, boxed. Fish, smoked, in packages. Flour, potato, in sacks or barrels, actual weight Furniture: Chairs cane wood or veneer seat in the white (k. d.) tops and less sen-	Class. 6 6 6 6 6	Class. 5 5 5 5 5 5	Cents. 25 25 25 25 25 25	Cents. 30 30 30 30 30 30
Chairs, cane, wood or veneer seat, in the white (k.d.), tops and legs separated, seats and backs nested, legs and rounds nested or k.d. and packed flat, in bundles, crates, or boxes (minimum weight 24,000	_	4	20	05
pounds). Towel racks, iron, or iron and wood combined, in boxes or barrels (minimum weight 24,000 pounds). Towel racks, wooden, in boxes or barrels (minimum weight 24,000 pounds)	5 5	4	30	35
Towel racks, wooden, in boxes or barrels (minimum weight 24,000 pounds) G.	5	4	30	35
Gas tar, in barrels	6	5	25	30
mum capacity of tank; empty tanks returned free. Glauber salts, in barrels. Grapes, in kegs, half barrels, or barrels (p. p.) (c. l., minimum weight 20,000	6 6	5 5	25 25	30 30
pounds). Grape sugar, in boxes or barrels. Grass, sea, pressed in bales (c. l., minimum weight 20,000 pounds).	3 6 6	2 5 5	50 25 25	65 30 30
J. Jute butts.	6	5	25	30
М.				
Machines, sewing (minimum weight 16,000 pounds)	4 5 5 6 6 6	3 4 4 5 5 5	35 30 30 25 25 25 25	50 35 35 30 30 30
Oil avecants in word		_	25	00
Oil, creosote, in wood Oil, creosote, in tank cars, to be furnished by shippers; minimum weight maximum capacity of tank; empty tanks returned free	6	5	25	30
maximum capacity of tank; empty tanks returned free Oil, pine, in tank cars, to be furnished by shippers; minimum weight maximum capacity of tank; empty tanks returned free Oxide of iron, in kegs, barrels, or casks.	6	5 5	25 25	30 30
Р.				
Paints, earth, iron, metallic, mineral, or ocher (not zinc or zinc oxide), dry, in bags, kegs, half barrels, barrels, or casks Peas, dried, coarse, in bulk Pea hulls (minimum weight 24,000 pounds) Pitch (n. o. s.) Powders, soap, dry, in packages Powders, washing, dry, in packages	6 6 6 6 6	5 5 5 5 5 5	25 25 25 25 25 25 25 25	30 30 30 30 30 30 30
R. Rubber, scrap	6	5	25	30
s.				
Shavings or chips, brewers', wooden (c.l., minimum weight 24,000 pounds) Shavings (p.p.) (for purifying gas), in sacks (c.l., minimum weight 24,000	6	5	25	30
pounds). Shavings, wood, in bales (c. l., minimum weight 20,000 pounds). Shavings, wood, in bulk (minimum weight 20,000 pounds). Soap, in packages. Soap, soft. Soap, extract, dry, in packages. Soapstone. Soap tablets, in packages. Starch, in sacks, boxes, or barrels. Starch, ground, in barrels.	6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6	55555555555	25 25 25 25 25 25 25 25 25 25 25	30 30 30 30 30 30 30 30 30 30 30

Table 3.—Increases in carload classes made in Official Classification No. 20, compared with Official Classification No. 19—Continued.

		Carl	oad.	,
Article.		Classifica- tion.		s per ounds.
	Old.	New.	Old.	New.
Straw (n.o.s.), pressed, in bales (c.l., minimum weight 20,000 pounds) Sugar (n.o.s.), in boxes, bags, half barrels, or barrels Sulphate of iron	Class. 6 6 6	Class. 5 5 5 5	Cents. 25 25 25 25	Cents. 30 30 30
Tanks, galvanized iron (n.o.s.) (c.l., minimum weight 16,000 pounds)	6	3 5 5 5 5	35 25 25 25 25	50 30 30 30 30 30
Vehicles: Vehicles of all kinds (n.o.s.), in carloads	4	3	35	50
Poles, buggy, carriage, or wagon, finished (minimum weight 16,000 pounds) Shafts or thills, buggy, carriage, or wagon, finished (minimum weight 16,000 pounds)	4	3	35 35	50 50
Sleigh material, wooden, finished (n. o. s.) (minimum weight 16,000 pounds) Wagon material, finished (n. o. s.) (minimum weight 16,000 pounds)	4 4	3 3	35 35	50 50
Wheels, carriage or wagon (n.o.s.), finished or unfinished (minimum weight 16,000 pounds). Vinegar shavings or chips, wooden (c.l., minimum weight 24,000 pounds)	4 6	3 5	35 25	50 30

Table 3 contains all articles whose class, in carload lots, has been increased. Although these changes represent but 15 per cent of the total number of advances, still a number of articles will be found whose aggregate yearly tonnage is enormous, and any considerable general increase in transportation charges on which, if it can be maintained, and does not at the same time reduce their movement, must produce greatly increased revenues for the railroads. Coffee, sugar, starch, and soap are among the most prominent commodities found in this table.

Table 4.—Increases in carload and less than carload classes made in Official Classification No. 20, compared with Official Classification No. 19.

[EXPLANATION OF TERMS.—The meaning of the terms used in table, which are those of the Official Classification Committee, is as follows:

D1, double first class.
c.l., carload.
p. p., prepared.
d., fourth class.
n. o. s., not otherwise specified.
l, first class.
l, first class.
6, sixth class.

 $1\frac{1}{3}$, one and one-half times first class.

"Old" at head of columns refers to classes and rates as they existed under Official Classification No. 19, which covered a period extending from July 1, 1899, to December 31, 1899, inclusive. "New" refers to classes and rates as they exist under Official Classification No. 20, effective January 1, 1900, with the exception of such modifications as have been caused by supplements issued subsequent to that date.]

		Classifi	cation		Rate	s per l	.00 pou	inds.
Article.		than load.	Carl	oad.		than oad.	Carl	load.
	Old.	New.	Old.	New.	Old.	New.	Old.	New.
в.								
Boards, cloth, wooden (for wrapping cloth), in bundles or crates (c. l., minimum weight 24,000 pounds)	Class.	Class.	Class.	Class. 5	Cents. 35	Cents. 50	Cents. 25	Cents. 30
С.								
Cartridge shells, paper or metallic (c.l., minimum weight 24,000 pounds) Cement, asbestos.	2	1 3	4 6	3 5	65 35	75 50	35 25	50 30
Cement, boiler covering (n.o.s.), in bags	2 4 4 4 4	1 3 3 3 3	6 6	3 5 5 5 5	35 35 35	50 50 50	25 25 25 25	30 30 30
Coffee, ground or roasted, (c. l., minimum weight 24,000 pounds)	4 4	3 3	6	5 5	35 35	50 50	25 25	30 30
Cotton-seed hulls or motes, in bags (c. l., minimum weight 24,000 pounds) Crystals, washing	4 4	3	6	5 5	35 35	50 50	25 25	30 30
D.			0					
Deer tongue (leaves) pressed, in bales (c. l., minimum weight 20,000 pounds)	2	1	5	4	65	75	30	35
E.								
Epsom salts, in barrels	4	3	6	5	35	50	25	30
Fish, herring, smoked, in boxes or kegs Fish, pickled or salted (n. o. s.), in packages Fish, salted, in paper packages, packed in boxes Fish, sardines or shadines, in cans, boxed	4 5 4 4 4	3 4 3 3 3	6 6 6 6	5 5 5 5 5	35 30 35 35 35	50 35 50 50 50	25 25 25 25 25 25	30 30 30 30 30
Fish, smoked, in packages Flour, potato, in sacks or barrels (actual weight)	4	3	6	5	35	50	25	30
G. Glauber salts, in barrels	4	3	6	5	35	50	25	30
Grapes, in kegs, half barrels, or barrels (p.p.) (c.l,. minimum weight 20,000 pounds)	2	1	3	2	65	75	50	65
М.								
Magnesia, in bags, barrels, or casks	4	3	5	4	35	50	30	35
O. Oil, creosote, in wood		3	6	5	35	50	os	20
P.	4	3	6	5	55	50	25	30
Powders, soap, dry, in packages Powder, washing, dry, in packages	4	3 3	6	5 5	35 35	50 50	25 25	30 30

Table 4.—Increases in carload and less than carload classes made in Official Classification No. 20, compared with Official Classification No. 19—Continued.

		Classifi	cation		Rates per 100 pound			
Article.		Less than carload.		oad.		than oad.	Carl	oad.
	Old.	New.	Old.	New.	Old.	New.	Old.	New.
S.								
Shavings or chips, brewers', wooden (c. l., minimum weight 24,000 pounds)	Class.	Class.	Class.	Class.	Cents. 50	Cents. 65	Cents. 25	Cents.
Shavings (p. p.,) for purifying gas, in sacks (c. l., minimum weight 24,000 pounds)	3	2	6	5	50	65	25	30
weight 24,000 pounds) Soft soap	3 4	2 3 3	6	5 5	50 35	65 50	25 25	30 30
Starch, in sacks, boxes, or barrels Starch, ground, in barrels	4 4 4	3 3	6 6	5 5 5	35 35	50 50	25 25	30 30
т. '								
Tanks, galvanized iron (n. o. s.) (c. l., minimum weight 20,000 pounds)	11/2		4		1121		35	
Change to read: Tanks, galvanized iron (n.o.s.) (c.l., minimum weight 16,000 pounds)		D1		3		150		50

Table 4 is composed of commodities whose carload and less than carload classes both show an increase; 31 such articles are noted, making in all 62 changes, which represent over 10 per cent of the total number of changes. Among the articles shown to be so increased will be found coffee, cotton-seed hulls, grapes, potato flour, soap, and starch.

Table 5.—Increases in first class and above made in Official Classification No. 20, compared with Official Classification No. 19.

[EXPLANATION OF TERMS.—The meaning of the terms used in table, which are those of the Official Classification Committee, is as follows:

D1, double first class.

s. u., set up.

k.d., knocked down.

p. p., prepared repaid

n.o.s. not otherwise specified.

1, first class.

1½, one and one-half times first class.

2½t1, two and one-half times first class.

3t1, three times first class.

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·	Classifica- tion.			s per ounds.
Article.		than load.		than oad.
•	Old.	New.	Old.	New.
Agricultural implements: Grain cradles (k. d.)	Class.	Class.	Cents.	Cents.
Grain-cradie bodies (k.d.), in bundles.	1	Di	75	150
B. Berry crates (n. o. s.), empty (p. p.)	1	D1	75	150
C.				
Crates (n.o.s.), empty	1	D1	75	150

Table 5.—Increases in first class and above made in Official Classification No. 20, compared with Official Classification No. 19—Continued.

		Classifica- tion.		s per unds.
Article.		than load.		than oad.
	Old.	New.	Old.	New.
E. Excavators and pond or road scrapers, on wheels (s.u.)	Class.	Class. $1\frac{1}{2}$		Cents. $112\frac{1}{2}$
F.		To 1		150
Firecrackers, well and securely jacketed	1	D1	75	150
Road graders, on wheels (s. u.)	1	11	75	1121
T. Tanks, galvanized iron (s. u.)	11	D1	112‡	150
V. Vehicles (k. d.):				
Packages not to exceed 30 inches in height and 94 inches in length Packages exceeding 30 inches in height, but not exceeding 50 inches;	1	11/2	75	1121
length not to exceed 94 inches. Packages not exceeding 30 inches in height, but exceeding 94 inches in	11/2	D1	1121	150
Packages exceeding 30 inches but not exceeding 50 inches in height.	11/2	D1	1121	150
and exceeding 90 inches in length. Packages (n, o, s,).	D1 2½t1	2½t1 3t1	150 187½	$ \begin{array}{r} 187\frac{1}{2} \\ 225 \end{array} $

In table 5 will be found articles which have been changed from first class or above to some higher rating. As an increase in the class of such articles adds a much larger proportional increase in the cost of transportation than it would to articles of a lower class, it was thought advisable to embrace those commodities in a separate table.

The increases shown in grain cradles and grain-cradle bodies are somewhat modified by Supplement 2, as shown in table 7.

Table 6.—Increases in minimum carload weights\(^1\) made in Official Classification No. 20, compared with Official Classification No. 19.

["Old classification" refers to Classification No. 19, which covered a period extending from July1, 1899, to December 31, 1899, inclusive. "New classification" refers to Classification No. 20, effective January 1, 1900, with the exception of such modifications as have been caused by supplements issued subsequent to that date.]

	Minimun	n weight.
Article.	Old classifi- cation.	New classifi- cation.
B. Barley, common, in bags Barley, pearl Barley, sprouted, in barrels or sacks Barley, sprouted, in bulk Battery jars, glass, in packages		Pounds. 40,000 40,000 40,000 40,000 30,000
Beer mugs, glass, with side handles, in packages Belting, leather Bottles, glass (not otherwise specified) Buckets, galvanized iron, nested, in bundles or racks.	20,000	30,000 30,000 30,000 24,000

¹Where the minimum carload weight and class are both changed the change in weight will be found in the table 1 change in class.

Table 6.—Increases in minimum carload weights made in Official Classification No. 20, compared with Official Classification No. 19—Continued.

	Minimur	n weight.
Article.	Old classifi- cation.	New classifi- cation.
C. Cans, oil, glass, naked, packed in bulk Cans, oil, glass, in tin, wire, or wood jackets Chocolate Corn (not otherwise specified), in barrels or in bulk F.	Pounds. 20,000 20,000 20,000 30,000	Pounds, 24,000 24,000 30,000 40,000
Flues, earthen Fruit jar tops, in packages Fruit jars, glass in packages G.	24, 000 20, 000 20, 000	30, 000 30, 000 30, 000
Glass and glassware: Fruit and milk jars, glass, and tops in packages Meat pots and jars, glass, in packages. Oil cans, glassed, naked, packed in bulk Oil cans, glass, in tin, wire, or wooden jackets Tumblers, glass (not goblets), in packages.	20,000 20,000 20,000 20,000 20,000	30,000 30,000 24,000 24,000 24,000
O. Oats in barrels or in bulk.	30, 000	35,000
Р.		
Poultry, live and in live poultry cars	16,000	18,000
Rye in barrels or bulk S.	30,000	40,000
Speaking tubes, tin, boxed	20,000	24,000
Vehicles: Street cars (two)	20,000 30,000	24,000 36,000
Carts, dump, contractors', and contractors' outfits, including not more than five head of horses or mules, man in charge carried free. Cars, street, horse, electric, or cable.	20,000 8,000	24,000 11,000
W. Wheat in barrels or bulk.	30,000	40,000

Minimum carload weights are increased to some extent in the new classification. The commodities affected in this way will be found in table 6. From the small shipper's standpoint, this may be said to equal an increase in rates, owing to his inability to gather a large enough shipment to meet the requirements of the advances in weight, thus compelling him to resort to the less than carload rates, which are always higher. Grains of all descriptions have generally felt this increase. In connection with this table, it might be well to state that the minimum less than carload weight for barley, corn, rye, and wheat, in bulk, has been increased from 15,000 pounds to 20,000 pounds, which, of course, precludes a movement in bulk of these grains in less than 20,000-pound shipments. The minimum less than carload weight for oats in bulk has also been increased to an appreciable extent, the old classification giving a minimum weight of 15,000 pounds as against 17,500 pounds found in the new.

It is obvious that the purpose of those changes is to secure a more complete utilization of the large cars, of which so many have recently been constructed, by bringing the minimum weights, handed down from the days of small cars, up to the standards established by modern equipment. It is thus in the direction of more economical use of railway facilities.

The minimum carload weights of cranberries, building contractors' outfits, and advertising sign boards were reduced by Official Classification No. 20 from 30,000 to 24,000 pounds.

Table 7.—Reductions caused by Supplement 2 to Official Classification No. 20.

[EXPLANATION OF TERMS.—The meaning of the terms used in table, which are those of the Official Classification Committee, is as follows:

2, second class.

3. third class.

4, fourth class.

5, fifth class.

D1, double first class.
c.l., carload.
k.d., knocked down.
n.o.s., not otherwise specified.
1. first class.

1, first class.

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	(Classifi	cation		Rate	es per 1	100 pot	ınds.			t 2 to C	
Article.		than oad.	Carl	oad.		than oad.	Carl	load.		sifica- on.	Rate 100 pc	s per ounds.
	Old.	New.	Old.	New.	Old.	New.	Old.	New.	Less than car- load.	Car- load.	Less than car- load.	Car- load.
A. Agricultural implements: Grain cradles (k.d.) Grain cradle bodies, (k.d). in bundles B.	Class.	Class. D1	Class.	Class.	Cents. 75 75	Cents. 150		Cents.	11/2	Class.	1121	Cents.
Blowers, rotary, iron (c. l., minimum weight 24,000 pounds)	2	1	5	5	65	75	30	30	2	5	65	30
Carriers, ale, beer, beer tonic and porter, containing bottles when being returned at following estimated weights: Bottles, in cases, with orwithout covers—2 dozen quarts, 50 pounds per case. 4 dozen quarts, 90 pounds per case. 2 dozen quarts, 35 pounds per case. 3 dozen quarts, 50 pounds per case. 4 dozen quarts, 75 pounds per case. Bottles, in barrels or casks, with or without heads: 6 dozen quarts or 10 dozen quarts or 10 dozen												
pints, 125 pounds per barrel or cask (c. l., minimum weight 15,000 pounds when loaded in brewer's returning refriger- ator beer cars, Rule 5C not to apply, and 20,000 pounds in all other cars)	3	3	6	5	50	50	25	30	3	6	50	25

Table 7.—Reductions caused by Supplement 2 to Official Classification No. 20—Cont'd.

	(Classifi	sification. Rates per 100 pounds.					Supp	lemen cation	t 2 to 0 No. 20	Classi-	
Article.	Less		Carl	oad.	Less		Carl	oad.	Class	ifica- on.		s per ounds.
	Old.	New.	Old.	New.	Old.	New.	Old,	New.	Less than car- load.	Car- load.	Less than car- load.	Car- load.
J. Jute yarn, in bales	Class.	Class.	Class.	Class.	Cents. 50	Cents. 75	Cents.	Cents.	Class.	Class.	Cents. 50	Cents.
М.												
Mineral water carriers, containing empty bottles (c. l., minimum weight 20,000 pounds)	3	2	5	5	50	65	30	30	3	6	50	25
0.												
Oyster shells, ground, in burlap or cotton bags, barrels, or casks	4	3	6	6	35	50	25	25	4	6	35	25
P.												
Peas, dried, coarse, in bulk.			6	5			25	30		6		25
S.												
Shavings, wood, in bales (c. l., minimum weight 20,000 pounds) Shavings, wood, in bulk (minimum weight 20,000	2	2	6	5	65	65	25	30	2	6	65	25
pounds)			6	Б			25	30		6		25
T. Tobacco fertilizers, compressed in bales or sacks (minimum weight												
24,000 pounds) Tobacco stems, compressed in bales (mini-			6	5			25	30		6		25
pressed in bales (minimum weight 24,000 pounds)			6	5			25	30		6		25
v.												
Vehicles of all kinds (n. o. s.), in carloads Vehicles, parts: Wheels, carriage or wagon (n. o. s.), fin-			4	3			35	50		4		35
ished or unfinished (minimum weight 16,000 pounds)			4	3			35	50		4		35

The first eight columns of table 7 are identical in arrangement with table 1, showing, as they do, the difference between Official Classifications Nos. 19 and 20, and the effect of such differences upon rates between Chicago and New York. The last four columns show how far Supplement 2 has modified these changes and restored rates.

Fourteen articles have been reduced in class by the supplement, 12 of which are entirely restored to their class rating in Official Classification No. 19. As there were 604 increases in class, this means that over 2 per cent of such articles have been returned to their ratings of last year.

Table 8.—Percentage reductions in less than carload quantities caused by Supplement 3 to Official Classification No. 20.

[EXPLANATION OF TERMS.—The meaning of terms used in tables, which are those of the Official Classification Committee, is as follows:

k.d., knocked down.
p. p., prepared.
n. o. s.. not otherwise specified.

2, second class. 3, third class. 4, fourth class.

"Old" at head of columns refers to classes and rates as they existed under Official Classification No. 19, which covered a period extending from July 1, 1899, to December 31, 1899, inclusive. "New" refers to classes and rates as they exist under Official Classification No. 20, effective January 1, 1900, with the exception of such modifications as have been caused by supplements issued subsequent to that date.]

		sifica-	Rate 100 pc	s per ounds.	Per- cent-	Re-	
. Article.		than oad.	Less	than oad.	age reduc- tion.	duced	
	Old.	New.	Old.	New.	tion.		
Α.							
Acid, carbolic, crude, in barrels or iron drums	Class.	Class.	Cents.	Cents.	Per ct.	Cents.	
Acids, in iron drums (n.o.s.)	4	3	35	50	20	40	
Agricultural implements:	3	2	50	65	15	55	
Binders (k. d.) Binders' trucks, for moving self-binding harvesters (k.d.,		2					
Bunchers, clover mowing machine attachments (k. d.,	3	_	50	65	15	55	
flat), in bundles or crates	3	2	50	65	15	55	
reapers (k. d., flat) Corn harversters (k. d.) Corn planters (k. d., flat) Corn planters (k. d., flat) Corn shellers, hand	3	2	50	65	15	55	
Corn harversters (k.d.)	3 3 3 3 3	2 2 2 2	50 50	65 65	15 15	55 55	
Corn planters (k.d., flat)	3	2	50	65	15	55	
Cultivators, iron or wood (k.d.)	3	2	50 50	65 65	15 15	55 55	
Cultivators, iron or wood (k.d.). Cultivator teeth, in boxes or casks	4	3	35 50	50	20	40	
Cutters, ensilage (k. d.) Cutters, feed (k. d.) Cutters, sod	3 3 3 3 3 3 3	2 2	50	65 65	15 15	55 55	
Cutters, sod. Cutters, stalk (k.d.)	3	2 2	50 50	65 65	15 15	55 55	
Cutter bars and cutting apparatus, boxed	3	2	50	65	15	55	
Cutter knives, ensilage, feed, or stalk, boxed	3	2 2 2 2	50 50	65 65	15 15	55 55	
Disk furrowers (k. d., flat) Disk pulyerizers (k. d., flat)			50	65	15	55	
Drag teeth, in parrels or boxes	4	3	35	50	20	40	
Engines, traction (minimum weight 10,000 pounds each), to be loaded and unloaded by shipper and consignee	3	2	50	65	15	55	
Engines and drills, traction, combined (minimum weight 10,000 pounds each), to be loaded and unloaded by ship-							
per and consignee	3	2	50	65	15	55	
Fanning mill material, wooden, in the white (k.d., flat). Forks (n.o.s.), in packages.	3	3 2 2 3	35 50	50 65	20 15	40 55	
Fork heads or fork tines, in bundles Fork heads or fork tines, in boxes, barrels, or casks	3	2	50	65	15	55	
Grain-cradle bodies, fingers, and snaths (k.d.), boxed	3	2	35 50	50 65	20 15	40 55	
Grain-cradle fingers Grain drills (k.d., flat)	3 3 3	2 2 2 2	50 50	65 65	15 15	55 55	
Harrows (k.d.). Harrows, sectional, iron or steel, folded flat or nested,	3	2	50	65	15	55	
Harrows, sectional, iron or steel, folded flat or nested,securely wired in bundles or in crates	3	2	50	65	15	55	
Harrow disks, iron or steel, in boxes or barrels	4		35	50	20	40	
Harrow teeth, in barrels or boxes Hay carriers, in packages.	3	3	35 50	50 65	20 15	40 55	
Hay forks in packages	3	2	50	65	15	55	
Hay knives, boxed. Hay loaders (k. d., flat). Hay presses, loaded in box cars.	3	2 2	50 50	65 65	15 15	55 55	
Hay presses, loaded in box cars	3	2	50	65	15	55	
Hay rickers (k. d., flat).	3	2	50 50	65 65	15 15	55 55	
Hay racks, wooden (k. d.) Hay rickers (k. d., flat) Hay tedders (k. d., flat) Hoes, in packages	3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3	3 3 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2	50 50	65	15 15	55 55	
noe neads, in boxes, parreis, or casks	4	3	35	65 50	20	40	
Horse powers (k.d., flat) Mattocks, iron or steel, without handles, in boxes, bar-	3	2	50	65	15	55	
rels, or casks	4	3	35	50	20	40	
Mowers (k.d.) Mowing knives, boxed	3 3	2 2 2	50 50	65 65	15 15	55 55	
Plows (n. o. s., k. d.)	3	2	50	65	15	55	

Table 8.—Percentage reductions in less than carload quantities caused by Supplement 3 to Official Classification No. 20—Continued.

	Classif		Rate	s per		
	tio	n.	100 pc	ounds.	Per- cent-	Re-
Article.	Less	than oad.		than oad.	age reduc- tion.	duced rate.
	Old.	New.	Old.	New.	tion.	
Agricultural implements—Continued:	Class.	Class.	Cents. 50	Cents.	Per ct.	Cents.
Plows (n. o. s.), with handles taken out and tied in bundles. Plows, shovel and gang (k. d., flat). Plows, sulky, wheels on or off (k. d.) Plow beams and handles, iron or wood.	3 3 3	2 2 2 3	50 50	65 65 65	15 15	55 55 55
Plow beams and handles, iron or wood Plowpoints, moldboards, shares, andings, in barrels or	3 4		35	50	20	40
Plow beams and handles, from or wood Plowpoints, moldboards, shares, and .ings, in barrels or boxes Rakes, hand, wooden (k.d.)	3 3	3 2	35 50 50	50 65	20 15 15	40 55 55
Rakes, iron, in packages. Rake heads, iron, in boxes, barrels, or casks. Rakes, sulky, horse or revolving (k. d.), shafts, and teeth	4	3	35	65 50	20	40
Rake teeth, iron or steel Reapers (k.d.) Rollers, field Rollers, land (k.d.) Rolling coulters or rolling coulter blades, loose. Rolling coulters or rolling coulter blades, in packages. Scythes in boxes.	3 4	2 3	50 35	65 50	. 15 20	55 40 55
Reapers (k. d.) Rollers, field	3 3 3	3 2 2 2 2 3 2	50 50	65 65	15 15	55
Rollers, land (k. d.) Rolling coulters or rolling coulter blades, loose	3 3	$\begin{vmatrix} 2\\2 \end{vmatrix}$	50 50	65 65	15 15	55 55
Rolling coulters or rolling coulter blades, in packages Scythes, in boxes	3	$\frac{3}{2}$	35 50	50 65	20 15	40 55
Seats, fron or steel, for agricultural implements, nested in bundles, crates, boxes, or barrels Seed drills(k. d., flat). Sickles, in boxes or barrels	3 3 3	2	50 50	65 65	15 15	55 55
Sickles, in boxes or barrels. Spikes, clover huller and threshing machine, in boxes or	3	2 2	50	65	15	55
kegs. Stalk cutters (k. d.)	3 3	3 2 2 3	35 50	50 65	20 15	40 55
Stump pullers. Thresher teeth, in boxes, kegs, or barrels. Wheels, iron or steel, or iron and wood combined, for agri-	3 4	3	50 35	65 50	15 20	55 40
cultural implements and farm wagons	3 3	2 2	50 50	65 65	15 15	. 55 55
Air or steam brake equipment (n. o.s.) Ammonia, aqua, or ammoniaeal liquor, in barrels or iron drums	4		35	50	20	40
Ammonia, dry in barrels or casks. Antimony, ground or pulverized, in barrels or casks Apple or fruit butter, jelly or sauce, in buckets, cans, kits,	4	3 3 3	35 35	50 50	20 20	40 40
	3	2	50	65	15	55
Apple or fruit butter, jelly, or sauce, in buckets, cans, kits, pails, or tubs, boxed or with top of box slatted. Apple or fruit butter, jelly, or sauce, in kegs, half barrels, or	4	3	35	50	20	40
barrels Asbestos, in barrels or casks	4 4	3 3 3	35 35	50 50 50	20 20	40 40
barrels Asbestos, in barrels or casks Asbestos building or roofing paper, in rolls or cases. Asbestos cement Axle grease, in barrels or boxes	4 4	3 3 3	35 35	50 50 50	20 20 20	40 40
Axie grease, in barrels or boxes	4	3	35	50	20	40
	3	2	50	65	15	55
Bagging, clayed, in bales or cases	3 3 3 4	2 2 2 3 3 2 2	50 50	65	15 15	55 55 55
Bagging, cotton, in bales or cases Ballast unloaders Barn-door hangers, iron or steel Barn-door hanger tracks Barrel covers, wooden, nested Barrel racks or stands, portable, in bundles or crates	4	3 3	35 35	50 50	20 20	40 40
	3 3	$\frac{2}{2}$	50	65 65	15 15	55 55
Barrels, empty: Patent fruit barrels (k.d.), in bundles Tierces beef land or pork old actual weight.	4 4	3 3	35 35	50 50	20	40 40
Empty barrels or kegs, old (not including apple, flour, or sugar barrels, or empty beer packages), actual weight	4	3	35	50	20	40
Patent fruit barrels (k.d.), in bundles						
pounds each; sixth barrels, 30 pounds each; eighth bar- rels, 20 pounds each. Empty beer packages, old, in returning refrigerator beer cars, at estimated weights, as follows: Hogsheads, 200 pounds each; barrels, 100 pounds each; half barrels, 60	4	3	35	50	20	40
pounds each; barrels, 100 pounds each; half barrels, 60 pounds each; quarter barrels, 30 pounds each; sixth			1			
pounds each; quarter barrels, 30 pounds each; sixth barrels, 30 pounds each; eighth barrels, 20 pounds each. Barrows, baggage (k. l.)	. 4 3 3	3 2 2 2	35 50	50 65	20 15	40 55
Barrows, baggage (k. 1.) Baseball bats, in packages Baskets (k. d., flat), in bundles. Basket material (n. o. s.), not rattan, reed, or willows, in	3 3	2 2	50 50	65 65	15 15	55 55
bundles Bed-rail fastenings and hooks, iron, in packages	4 4	3 3	35 35	50 50	20 20	40 40

Table 8.—Percentage reductions in less than carload quantities caused by Supplement 3 to Official Classification No. 20—Continued.

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		sifica- on.	Rate 100 pc	s per ounds.	Per- cent-	Re-
Article.		than oad.		than oad.	age reduc- tion.	duced rate.
	Old.	New.	Old.	New.	tion.	
Belt fasteners, machinery, iron, or steel, in boxes, barrels, or	Class.	Class.		Cents.	Per ct.	Cents.
casks. Benches, cabinetmakers' wooden (k. d., flat), in bundles,	4	3	35	50	. 20	40
crates, or boxes Bleaching fluid, in wood.	3 4	2 3	50 35	65 50	15 20	55 40
Block shells, wood Boiler cleansing compound, liquid, in barrels (p. p.)	4	3 3	35 35	50 50	20 20	40 40
Boiler covering cement (n.o.s.), in bags Bone black, hydrocarbonated, in oil, in barrels	4 4	3	35 35	50 50	20 20	40 40
Bottle stoppers, combination rubber and metal, in barrels or	3	2	50	65	15	55
boxes Bottle stoppers, combination rubber, metal, and earthenware, in boxes or barrels		2	50	65	15	55
Bottle Stoppers, combination rubber, metal, and earthen- ware, in boxes or barrels. Boxes, cooling, filled with coiled pipe Boxes, fish, empty. Boxes, meat, empty Bread meal or dust, in packages. Brush blocks, leather, in packages Brush blocks, wooden, in packages Brush blocks, in boxes	3 4	2 3	50 35	65 50	15 20	55 40
Boxes, meat, empty	4	3	35	50	20	40
Brush blocks, leather, in packages	3	3 2	35 50	50 65	20 15	40 55
Brush blocks, wooden, in packages	4 4	3	35 35	50 50	20 20	40 40
Bullets, in boxes Burners, oil stove, in boxes or barrels Burr blocks (for grist mills)	3	3 2 3	50 35	65	15 20	55 40
Butchers' blocks Butchers' meat racks (k, d.), crated or boxed	4	3	35	50 50	20	40
Butchers' meat racks (k, d.), crated or boxed	3	2	50	65	15	55
			0.5	.		40
Calcium, chloride of, in barrels or iron drums	4	3 3	35 35	50 50	20 20	40 40
Candle stock (n.o.s.) Candy, in pails or cases, weighing not less than 25 pounds each. Candy, in cases, drums or pails, securely crated together in packages weighing not less than 25 pounds Candy, in half barrals or barrals	3	3 2	35 50	50 65	20 15	40 55
packages weighing not less than 25 pounds	3 3	2 2	50 50	65 65	15 15	55 55
Canned fish, fruit and vegetables (n.o.s.), boxed	4 4	3 3	35 35	50 50	20 20	40 40
candy, in half barrels or barrels Canned fish, fruit and vegetables (n.o.s.), boxed. Canned soups and broths, boxed. Capstan bars, wooden, in the white. Carpet paper or carpet lining (not covered, folded, plaited, corrugated or indented), in rolls. Carriers, ale and beer, empty. Car pushers. Car pushers.	4	3	35	50	20	40
Carriers, ale and beer, empty.	4 3	3 2	35 50	50 65 50	20 15	40 55
Car pushers	4 4	3	35 35	50 50	20 20	40 40
Car seals, clay, lead, or tin, boxes or barrels.	4	3 3	35 35	50	20 20	40 40
Car trucks (k. d.)	4	3	35	50 50	20	40
Car pushers Car replacers, iron Car seals, clay, lead, or tin, boxes or barrels. Car springs, rubber, steel, or volute Car trucks (k. d.) Castor beans Cattle switches or tails (n.o.s.), green, salted, in bundles, bales, or barrels.	4	3	35	50	20	. 40
burch, or burk cross-services and services are services are services and services are services and services are services are services and services are services are services are services and services are services a	3	3 2	35 50	50 65	20 15	40 55
Churns, complete (k. d.), boxed Clay pigeons, in boxes, barrels, casks, or crates Clevises, iron or steel, for plows, cultivators, wagons, etc., in packages	3	2	50	65	15	55
Cloth dosards, wooden (for wrapping cloth), in bundles or crates	4	3	35 35	50 50	20	40 40
Coal-saving compound, dry, in boxes or barrels	4	3	35	50	20	40
Cocoanut skin shavings or refuse, in bags or barrels. Coffee, in single or double sacks. Coffee, ground or roasted	4	3	35 35	50 50	20 20	40 40
Coffee, in single or double sacks	4 4	3 3 2	35 35	50 50	20 20	40 40
Copper pipe on reels or in coils	3	2	35 50 50	65	15	55 55
Corrosive pots.	4	3	35 50	65 50 65	15 20 15	40
Cogs, wooden, in barrels or boxes Copper pipe, on reels or in coils. Corrosive pots. Cotton flannel lining, in bales or cases Cotton gins, taken apart and boxed. Cotton prosses (k d	3 3 3	$\frac{2}{2}$	50	65 65 65	15	40 55 55
Cotton gresses (k.d.) Cotton-seed hulls or motes, machine compressed, in bales Cotton shoddy lining, in bales or cases Cotton warp, in bales or cases. Cotton yarn, in bales or cases. Cracker meal or dust, in packages. Crecsote, in wood.	3	2 3	50 -35	50	15 20	ออ
Cotton shoddy lining, in bales or cases	3 3 4	2	50 50	65 65	15 15	40 55 55
Cotton yarn, in bales or cases.	3	2	50 50 35	65	15	55
Creosote, in wood.	4	3	35	50 50 50	20 20 20	40 40
Crockery (n.o.s.), in barrels Crockery (n.o.s.), in crates, tierces, casks or hogsheads. Crushers, fron ore, rock or stone	4 4	2 3 2 2 2 2 3 2 2 2 3 3 3 3 3	35 35	50 50	20	40 40
Crushers, iron oré, rock or stone Cuspidors, cast-iron (n. o. s.), in crates, barrels, or casks	4 4	3 3	35 35	50 50 50	20 20	40 40

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	Class	sifica- on.	Rate 100 pe	s per ounds.	Per-	Re-
Article.	Less	than oad.	Less	than load.	age reduc- tion.	duced rate.
	Old.	New.	Old.	New.	tion.	
D.	Class.	Class	Conto	Conto	Day of	Conto
Dairy spades, wooden, in crates or boxes	3	Class.	Cents. 50 50	Cents. 65 65	Per ct.	Cents.
Dental gas, in cylinders. Dental gas cylinders, empty	3	2	50	65	15 15	55 55 55 55 55
Dental gas cylinders, empty Dog benches, for exhibition purposes (k. d., flat or folded flat). Dog kennels (k. d., flat or folded flat), crated or boxed	3 3	2 2 2	50 50	65 65	15 15	55 55
Dry goods: Cotton piece goods (cotton goods, in the piece), in bales or boxes.	3	2	50	65	15	55
E.						
Elevator buckets, iron or steel, nested, in packages	4	3	35	50	20	40
	3 4	2 3	50 35	65 50	15 20	55 40 40
Embalming fluids, in barrels or kegs Emery, in kegs, barrels, or casks Epsom salts, in barrels	4 4	2 3 3 3 2	35 35 50	50 50	20 20	40 40
Excavators and pond or road scrapers, without wheels (k.d.).	3	2	50	65	15	55
F.						
Faucets, iron, in boxes or barrels Faucet blocks, wooden, in the white. Fencing, wire, in rolls Fire tongs, iron (n. o. s.), in packages Fish, canned (n. o. s.), boxed Fish, herring, smoked, in boxes or kegs. Fish, salted, in paper packages, packed in boxes. Fish, sardines or shadines, in cans, boxed Fish, smoked in packages	4 4	3 3	35 35	. 50 50	20 20	40 40
Fencing, wire, in rolls	3 4	3 2	35 35 50 35	50 50 65	20 15	40 40 55 40 40 40 40
Fish, canned (n.o.s.), boxed	4	3 3 2 3 3 3 3 3 3 3	35 35	50	20 20	40
Fish, salted, in paper packages, packed in boxes.	4	3	35 35	50 50 50	20 20 20	40
	4	3	35 35	50 50	20 20 20	40 40
Flowerpots, earthen, in crates, tierces, casks, or hogsheads Fruit-can or fruit-jar cement, or sealing wax, in boxes or barrels					20	
Fruit-jar rings, rubber, in packages. Furniture:	3	3 2	35 50	50 65	15	40 55
Chairs, cane, wood, or veneer seat, in the white (k.d), tops and legs separated, seats and backs nested, legs and rounds nested, or k.d. and packed flat, in bundles,						
crates, or boxes Towel racks, iron, or iron and wood combined, in boxes	3	2	50	65	15	55
or barrels. Towel racks, wooden, in barrels or boxes.	3 3	2 2	50 50	65 65	15 15	55 55
. G.						
Gas fitters' cement, in boxes or barrels Gas, oxygen, in iron or steel tubes or cylinders	4 3	3 2	35 50	50 65	20 15	40 55
Glass, window, common	$\left\{\begin{array}{c} 3\\3\\4\\4\\4\end{array}\right.$	} 3	50 50 35	} 50	20	40
Glauber salts, in barrels.	4	3	35 35	50 50	20 20	40 40
Glucose, in cans, packed in boxes or barrels Glue, in barrels or casks Glue, liquid, in kegs, half barrels, barrels, or casks	4 4	3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3	35	50	20 20 20	40
Glue pots, fron	1 4	3	35 35 35 35	50 50	20	40 40 40 40
Glue sizing, in kegs, half barrels, barrels, or casks. Grease (n. o. s.), in boxes or barrels.	4	3	35	50 50	20 20	40
Greenhouse pots, earthen, in crates, tierces, casks, or nogsneads Grindstones, loaded in box cars.	4 4	3	35 35	50 50	20 20	40 40
Grindstones and grindstone frames (k.d., flat or folded flat), securely crated or boxed. Grindstone frames (k.d. and tied), in bundles. Guts how or beef in half barrels barrels or tierces	- 4	3	35	50	20	40 40
Grindstone frames (k, d, and tied), in bundles. Guts, hog or beef, in half barrels, barrels, or tierces	4 4	3 3	35 35	50 50	20 20	40
. н.						
Hame sticks, in the white, in crates or boxes Hemp, in bales. Hides, furs, pelts, robes, and skins:	4 4	3 3	35 35	50 50	20 20	40 40
Goat skins, pickled, in barrels. Hog skins, pickled, in barrels.	4 4	3	35 35	50 50	20 20	40
Sheep skins, pickled, in barrels Sheep skins, pickled, in barrels Hinges, iron or steel, in boxes, kegs, barrels, or casks Hinges, iron or steel, securely wired together in bundles	4 4	3 3 3	35 35 35	50 50 50	20 20 20	40 40
Hinges, iron or steel, securely wired together in bundles				50	20	40
weighing 15 pounds or over, per bundle	4	3	35	1. 50	20	40

Table 8.—Percentage reductions in less than carload quantities caused by Supplement 3 to Official Classification No. 20—Continued.

	Class	sifica-	Rate	s per		
Article.	Less	than	Less	than	Per- cent- age	Re- duced
		oad.		load.	reduc- tion.	rate.
	Old.	New.	Old.	New.		
Hinges, spring, iron or steel, in boxes, barrels, or casks	Class.	Class.	Cents. 35 35 35	Cents. 50 50	Per ct. 20 20	Cents. 40 40
Hoons harrel coiled nested in hundles	4 2	3 2 3 3 3 3	35 50	50 50 65 50	20 20 15 20	40 40 55 40
Horn pith Horn tips or ends, in packages Horns (n. o. s.), in packages House door hangers, in packages.	4	3 3	35 35 35	50 50 50	20 20	40 40
House door hangers, in packages House door hanger tracks, in packages House movers' materials, consisting of capstans (second hand), chains, jackscrews, pulleys, ropes, heavy timbers, wooden rollers, etc.	4	3 3	35 35	50 50 50	20 20	40 40
Hydrants and valves, fron	4 4	3 3	35 35	50 50	20 20	40 40
I. Insulators, glass, in barrels or boxes Insulators, porcelain, in boxes, barrels, or casks	4	3	35	50	20	40
Iron and steel:	1	3	35	50	20	40
Dumb-bells, iron, in crates, boxes, or barrels Fence, steel picket (k. d.), in bundles. Fencing and railing, iron (n. o. s., k. d.), in bundles. Fencing and railing, wrought iron, in panels. Housings, iron, for iron and steel rolling-mill machinery.	4 4 4	3 3 3	35 35 35 35	50 50 50 50	20 20 20 20 20	40 40 40 40
Housings, iron, for iron and steel rolling-mill machinery Lamp-posts, iron	4	3 3	35	50	20 20	40 40
Mast arms, électric light or railway, iron Mauls, iron, in boxes, barrels, or casks	4	3 3	35 35 35 35 35	50 50	20 20	40 40
Picks, iron or steel, in boxes or barrels. Poles and pole irons, electric light or railway, iron	4	3 3	35	50 50	20 20 20	40 40
Lamp-posts, fron Mast arms, electric light or railway, iron Mauls, iron, in boxes, barrels, or casks Picks, iron or steel, in boxes or barrels Poles and pole irons, electric light or railway, iron Railing, iron (n.o.s., k. d.), in bundles. Railing, wrought iron, in panels Rail straighteners, iron, with handles, in crates. Rolls, iron, for iron or steel rolling-mill machinery. Screws iron, in boxes or kers	4 4 4 4 4	3 3 3 3 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5	35 35 35	50 50 50	20 20 20	40 40 40
Rolls, iron, for iron or steel rolling-mill machinery Screws, iron, in boxes or kegs	4	3 3	35 35	50	20 20	40
Screws, iron, in boxes or kegs Screws, steel, in boxes. Shot, iron, chilled, in double bags, boxes, kegs, barrels, or casks.	4	3	35 35	50	20	40
Sledges, iron, in boxes or casks Steel, crushed, chilled, or granulated, in double bags, boxes, kegs, barrels, or casks	4	3	35	50	20 20	40
Switch or signal targets, railroad iron Telegraph poles, iron	4 4	3 3 3	35 35 35	50 50 50	20 20 20	40 40
Track gauges, iron	. 4		35	50	20	40
fixtures Vaults and prison work, iron Vises, iron	4 4	3 3 3	35 35 35	50 50 50	20 20 20	40 40 40
J. Jacks car or track	1	9	95	50	20	40
Jacks, car or track Jacks or jackscrews, iron, boxed Japan wax Jute canvas, in bales or cases	4 4 4 3	3 3 2	35 35 35 50	50 50 50 65	20 20 20 15	40 40 55
K.						
Key blanks, iron or steel, in the rough, unfinished, in boxes, kegs, barrels, or casks Knobs, door or furniture, mineral, in boxes, barrels, or casks Kraut cutters, in crates or boxes	4 4	3 3 2	35 35 50	50 50 65	20 20 15	40 40 55
Kraut cutters, in crates or boxes	3	2	50	65	15	55
Land plaster medicated (hug killer) in harrels	. 4	3	35	50	20	40
Lard, in cans or pails, loose Lard, in cans or pails, crated or boxed Lard, in boxes or barrels Lard in tube	3 4 4	3 2 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3	50 35 35 35 35	65 50 50 50 50 50	15 20 20 20 20 20	55 40 40 40 40
Lasts, iron (n. o. s.), in boxes, barrels, or casks. Lasts, lap, iron, in boxes or barrels. Last stands, iron, in boxes, barrels, or casks. 24484—No. 12—3	4	3 3	35 35	50 50	20 20	40

Table 8.—Percentage reductions in less than carload quantities caused by Supplement 3 to Official Classification No. 20—Continued,

	Class	n.	100 pc	s per ounds.	Per- cent-	Re-
Article.		than load.		than oad.	age reduc- tion.	duced rate.
	Old.	New.	Old.	New.		
Lawn mowers (k.d.), crated or boxed, handles in bundles Lightning rods and fixtures, combination copper and iron, in	Class.	Class.	Cents. 50	Cents. 65	Per ct.	Cents. 55
boxes. Lightning rods and flxtures, iron in boxes. Lime, medicated (bug killer), in barrels. Limewater in barrels.	4 4 4 4	3 3 3	35 35 35 35	50 50 50 50	20 20 20 20 20	40 40 40 40
Liquors, alcoholic and malt: Liquors, alcohol, high wines, and whisky (n. o. s.), in wood. Locomotive netting or spark arrester, in rolls Locomotive smoke-box fronts, iron or steel	3 4 4 4	2 3 3 3	50 35 35 35	65 50 50 50	15 20 20 20 20	55 40 40 40
Locomotive springs, iron or steel Lye, concentrated	4	3 3	35	50	20	40
M.						
Machines, machinery, and mills: Machinery, rolling mill, iron, rough.	4 4	3 3	35 35	50 50	20	40 40
Magnesia, in bags, barrels, or casks Magnesite, in bags, barrels, or casks.	4	3 3 2 3	35 35	50 50	20 20 20	40 40
Mangers, stable, iron, loose. Mangers, stable, iron, in crates or boxes.	4 3 4	3	50 35	65 50	15 20	55 40
nron, rougn. Magnesia cement. Magnesia, in bags, barrels, or casks. Magnesite, in bags, barrels, or casks. Mangers, stable, iron, loose. Mangers, stable, iron, in crates or boxes. Marble or granite blocks or slabs, chiseled, polished, or dressed, boxed, valuation restricted to 40 cents per cubic foot Marble and granite blocks or slabs, sawed or hammered, boxed or not boxed, valuation restricted to 40 cents per	4	3	35	50	20	40
cubic foot	4	3	35	50	20	40
Marble or granite tombstones or monuments, boxed or crated, valuation restricted to 40 cents per cubic foot	4	3	35	50	20	40
Beef, in barrels, 374 pounds per barrel (see note under tripe) Beef, in tierces. Cattle or ox tails (edible), dried or salted, in boxes, bar-	4 4	3 3	35 35	50 50	20 20	40 40
rels, or casks Livers, pickled, in barrels or casks. Meats, canned (n. o. s.), boxed Sausage, bologna or smoked, in barrels, boxes, casks, or	4 4 4	3 3 3	35 35 35	50 50 50	20 20 20	40 40 40
kegs Meats, dried (n. o. s.), in boxes, barrels, or casks Meats, potted, in cans, boxed Meats, salted, boxed	4 4 4	3 3 3	35 35 35 35	50 50 50 50	20 20 20 20 20	40 40 40 40
Meats, smoked (except tongues), in barrels, boxes, or casks.	4	3	35	50	20	40
Pork, pickled, in barrels, 374 pounds per barrel (see note under tripe) Sausage, canned Tongues, pickled, in barrels or casks	4 4 4	3 3 3	35 35 35	50 50 50	20 20 20	40 40 40
Sausage, canned Tongues, pickled, in barrels or casks. Tripe, pickled, in barrels or kegs. (Beef and pork in barrels, actual weight except when weight can not be ascertained, when the minimum weight will be 374 pounds per barrel.) Meat-preserving compound, in kegs, barrels, or casks. Metal coment	4	3	35	50	20	40
Meat-preserving compound, in kegs, barrels, or casks	4 4 3 3 3	3 3 2 2 2	35 35 50 50 50	50 50 65 65 65	20 20 15 15 15	40 40 55 55 55 55
with top of how glatted	4 4	3 3	35 35	50 50	20 20	40 40
Mince-meats, in kegs, half barrels, or barrels. Mineral water, in wood. Mineral water carriers, empty Mineral wax, crude. Molasses, in cans, packed in boxes or barrels.	3 4 4	3 3 2 3 3 3	35 50 35 35	50 65 50 50	20 15 20 20	40 55 40 40
0.						
Oil, aniline, in barrels or iron drums Oil, creosote, in wood Ore washers (k. d.) Oysters, spice or cove, in cans, boxed	3 4 4 4 4	2 3 3 3	50 35 35 35 35	65 50 50 50	15 20 20 20 20	55 40 40 40 40

Table 8.—Percentage reductions in less than carload quantities caused by Supplement 3 to Official Classification No. 20—Continued.

	Classifica- Rates per 100 pounds.				Per-		
Article.	Less	than load.	Less	than	cent- age reduc-	Re- duced rate.	
	Old.	New.	Old.	New.	tion.		
Р.							
Pans, dripping, sheet iron, nested and tied with wire or mar- line.	Class.	Class.	Cents. 35	Cents. 50	Per ct. 20	Cents.	
Pans, dripping, sheet iron, nested, with stake supports, well secured Pans, dripping, sheet iron, nested, crated or boxed	4 4	3 3	35 35	50 50	20 20	40 40	
Pans, iron, nested in boxes or barrels. Pans or skillets, iron or steel, nested, in boxes or barrels	4	3 3	35 35	50 50	20 20	40 40	
Paper packing frames, iron, in packages	4	3 3	35 35	50 50	20 20	40 40	
Paper, building or roomig, in rolls, bundles, or crates. Paraffin wax. Paste, flour, in barrels. Picker sticks, wooden (for use in woolen mills). Pig's feet, packed. Pig's feet, packed. Pog's feet, pickled. Post-hole diggers. Potash balls. Potato flour, in sacks or barrels, actual weight. Potato sorters (k. d., flat), in bundles, crates, or boxes. Potters' pins and stilts, in barrels or hogsheads.	4	3 3	35 35	50 50	20 20	40	
Picker sticks, wooden (for use in woolen mills)	4 4	3	35 35	50 50	20 20	40	
Pig's feet, pickled.	4 3	3	35 50	50 65	20 15	40 55	
Potato flour in cooks or homels actual weight	4	3	35	50	20 20	40	
Potato sorters (k. d., flat), in bundles, crates, or boxes	3	2	35 50	50 65	15	40 55	
Poultry kennels (k. d., flat or folded flat), crated or boxed	3 3	2	35 50	50 65	20 15	40 55	
Potato sorters (k. d., fiat), in bundles, crates, or boxes. Potters' pins and stilts, in barrels or hogsheads. Poultry kennels (k. d., flat or folded flat), crated or boxed. Preserves, in buckets or pails, loose Preserves, in buckets or pails, crated or boxed Preserves, in kegs, barrels, or casks Propeller wheels, iron. Pumice stone, ground or unground Pumps, hand, iron. Pump eylinders, hand, iron	4	3 3 3 2 5 3 2 5 2 2 5 5 2 2 2 5 5 2 2 2 5	50 35	65 50	15 20	55 40	
Propeller wheels, iron	3	2	35 50	50 65	20 15	40 55	
Pumps, hand, iron	3	2	35 50	50 65	20 15	40 55 55 55	
Pumps, measuring, iron Pump cylinders, hand, iron	3	$\begin{vmatrix} 2\\2 \end{vmatrix}$	50 50	65 65	15 15	55 55	
R.							
Riddle or sieve rims, in bundles . Riddle or sieve-rim hoops, coiled	3	2 2	50	65 65	15 15	55 55	
Rigging, loose	3 4	3	50 35	50	20 20	40	
Rigging, loose. Rivets, iron, coppered, in boxes or kegs. Road graders, without wheels (k. d.) Road-scraper blades, steel Rod grease or wax, in barrels.	3	3 2 2 3 3 3 2	35 50	65	15	40 55 55	
Rod grease or wax, in barrels. Rods, iron or steel, brass or copper covered, in packages	3 4 4	3	50 35	65 50	15 20 20	40	
Rough Stone	4	3	35 35 35	50 50	20	40 40	
Rubber heels (for boots and shoes), in boxes	3	2	50	65	15	55	
S. Sad irons, in barrels or boxes	4	3	35	50	20	40	
Sau rois, in barreis or obces. Sausage casings, hog or beef, in barrels or tierces. Sausage casings, sheep, in barrels or tierces. Scales, hopper, stationary (k. d.) Scales, wagon or track (k. d.) Scales, warehouse platform, stationary (k. d.) Scales, beams and weights, boxed. School slates (n. o. s.)	4		35	50 50	20 20	40	
Scales, hopper, stationary (k.d.)	3	3 3 2 2 2 2 2 3	35 50 50	65	15 15	55 55	
Scales, warehouse platform, stationary (k.d.)	3 3 3	2	50 50	65	15 15	55 55	
Scoops, combined wood and iron or tin, in crates, boxes, or	4	3	35	50	20	40	
barrels Scoops, flour, wooden, boxed or crated Scoops, potato or corn, in bundles Scorifiers earthen in barrels or box boxed	3 3	2 2	50 50 50 35 35 35 50	65	15 15	55 55 55	
	3 4	2 3	50 35	65 50	15 20	40	
Seythe stones, boxed	4 3	3 2	35 50	50 65 50	20 15	40 55	
	4 3	3 2	35 50	50 65	20 15	40 55	
Shavings (p.p.) (for purifying gas), in sacks	3 3 4 4 3 4 3 3 3 3	2	50	65	15 15	55 55 55	
Shavings or chips, vinegar, wooden	3	2	50	65	15	55	
Sewer-gas traps, iron. Shade cloth, plain, uncut and undecorated, boxed. Shavings (p. p.) (for purifying gas), in sacks. Shavings or chips, brewers', wooden. Shavings or chips, vinegar, wooden. Ship knees. Shot, in double bags. Shot, in kegs. Shot, in boxes.	4 4	3	35 50 50 50 50 35 35 35 35 50 50	65 65 50 50 50 50	20 20 20 20	40 40 40	
Shot, in boxes.	4	3	35	50	20	40	
Shot, in boxes. Shovels and pokers, fire, iron (n. o. s.), in packages Shovels and spades, in packages Shovels, flour, wooden, boxed or crated. Shovels, scoop, with wooden handles, nested, in bundles	3 3	2	50	65 65	15 15	40 55 55 55 55	
Snovels, flour, wooden, boxed or crated. Shovels, scoop, with wooden handles, nested, in bundles Silicate slates, boxed	3	2 3 3 2 2 2 2 2 3 3 3 3 2 2 2 2 3 3	50	65	15 15	55	
Silicate states, boxed	.1 4	3	1 35	50	20	40	

Table 8.—Percentage reductions in less than carload quantities caused by Supplement 3 to Official Classification No. 20—Continued.

		sifica-	Rate 100 pc	es per ounds.	Per-	Re-
Article.	Less	than load.	Less	than load.	cent- age reduc-	duced rate.
	Old.	New.	Old.	New.	tion.	
Sinews Sirup, in cans, packed in boxes or barrels. Sizing (n. o. s.), in kegs, half barrels, barrels, or casks Skillets, iron or steel, nested, in boxes or barrels. Slate lintels, window sills, copings, stairways, floor tiles, and	Class.	Class.	Cents. 35 35 35	Cents. 50 50 50 50 50	Per ct. 20 20 20 20 20 20	Cents. 40 40 40 40 40
ridge poles Slaw cutters, in crates or boxes Soap, in packages Soap, soft. Soap, extract, dry, in packages Soap powders, dry, in packages Soap powders, dry, in packages Soapstone. Soap tablets, in packages Soda, caustic, in cans, boxed Spool heads, wooden, in the rough, in bags, crates, boxes, or barrels	4 3 4 4 4 4 4 4 4	3 2 3 3 3 3 3 3 3	35 50 35 35 35 35 35 35 35 35	50 65 50 50 50 50 50 50 50	20 15 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20	40 55 40 40 40 40 40 40 40
barrels Spool wood, in bundles Spoons, tin or tinned iron, boxed Springs, carriage or wagon Springs, wringer (not coiled), iron or steel Staples, iron, coppered, in boxes or kegs Starch, in sacks, boxes, or barrels Starch, gr und, in barrels Steam or air-brake equipment (n.o.s.) Steam shovel dippers, iron or steel Stearine, in sacks, barrels, or tierces Sterotype backing powder, in packages Stone boats	4 3 4 4 4 4	3 3 2 2 3 3 3 2 2 2 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3	35 35 50 35 35 35 35 50 50 35 35 35 35	50 50 65 50 50 50 50 65 65 65 50 50	20 20 15 20 20 20 20 20 20 15 15 20 20 20	40 40 555 40 40 40 40 55 55 40 40 40
T.						
Tallow Target balls, in barrels or boxes Targets, shooting gallery, iron, in packages Tiling, floor or facing, encaustic or plain, glazed or unglazed, in packages	4 3 3 4	3 2 2 3	35 50 50 35	50 65 65 50	20 15 15 20	40 55 55 40
Tiling, marble and slate, boxed Tin dairy pails, nested, packed in crates or cases. Tin disks or circles, in boxes or barrels Tin straps or fasteners, in boxes or barrels. Tin strips, in barrels or boxes Tin trays or waiters, boxed Tinware (n.o.s.), nested, in crates, boxes, or barrels. Tomatoes, canned, boxed Tow, in boxes or bales Tracking, overhead, iron (for packing houses, warehouses,	3 4 4 4 3 3 4 4	3 2 3 3 2 2 2 3 3	35 50 35 35 35 50 50 35 35	65 50 50 50 65 65 50 50	20 15 20 20 20 15 15 15 20 20	40 55 40 40 40 55 55 40 40
etc.) Trays or waiters, tin or sheet iron, japanned, boxed. Trucks, hand, two-wheeled. Trucks, hand, four-wheeled, without sides, stakes, or hand	3 3	3 2 2	35 50 50 50	50 65 65 65	20 15 15	40 55 55 55
rails, rails, wooden. Trunk slats, wooden. Tuyeres, clay	3 4 4	2 3 3	35 35	50 50	15 20 20	40 40
Valves, iron	4 4	3 3	35 35	50 50	20 20	40 40
Vegetable wax (n.o.s.) Vegetables and garden roots: Cabbage, in crates or hogsheads (p.p.) Pumpkins, in packages (p.p.) Vegetables or garden roots, winter beets, carrots, onions, parsnips, squash, and turnips (p. p.)	4 4	3 3	35 35 35	50 50 50	20 20 20	40 40 40
Vehicles, parts of: Fifth wheels, packed in barrels or boxes Vitriol, oil of, in iron drums.	4 4	3 3	35 35	50 50	20 20	40 40
W. Washing crystals Washing powders, dry, in packages. Washstands, iron, boxed	4 4 3	3 3 2	35 35 50	50 50 65	20 20 15	40 40 55
Water gates, iron. Wheelbarrows, iron or wood, with legs and wheels packed separately or in trays.	4	3 2	35 50	65	20 15	40 55

Table 8.—Percentage reductions in less than carload quantities caused by Supplement 3 to Official Classification No. 20—Continued.

Article.		sifica- on. than	Less	than	Per- cent- age reduc-	Re- duced rate.
	Old.	oad.		Old. New.		rate.
	Oid.	Tien.	Old.	Lien.		
Wheelbarrows, iron or wood (k. d., flat), legs, wheels, and handles detached and fastened to barrows.	Class.	Class.	Cents.	Cents.	Per ct.	Cents.
Wheelbarrows, iron or wood (k.d.), trays nested and strapped, legs, wheels, and handles packed separately.	3	2	50	65	15	55
Wheelbarrows, iron or wood (k. d., flat), legs, wheels, and handles detached and packed separately	3	2	50	65	15	55
Wheels, iron or steel, machine finished (n.o.s.) Wheels, water, iron (n.o.s.)	3	2 2 3	50 50 35	65 65 50	15 15 20	55 55 40
Whetstones, sand Windmills (k. d.) Windmill towers, iron or steel (k. d.).	3	2 2	50 50	65 65	15 15	55 55
Windlasses. Window hollands, plain, uncut, and undecorated, boxed	3	2 2	50 50	65 65	15 15	55 55
Wire, iron, coppered Wire rope, iron or steel, on reels or in coils	4	3 3	35 35	50 50	20 20	40 40
Wood alcohol, in iron drums Wood alcohol, in wood	3	2 2	50 50	65 65	15 15	55 55
Wrenches, iron (n. o. s.), boxed		3	35	50	20	40
Υ.						
Yacht knees	4	3	35	50	20	40

Table 9.—Percentage reductions in carload quantities caused by Supplement 3 to Official Classification No. 20.

[EXPLANATION OF TERMS.—The meaning of terms used in table, which are those of the Official Classification Committee, is as follows:

p. p., prcpared. aid

p. p., prepared.

n. o. s., not otherwise specified.

2, second class. .

3, third class.

4, fourth class.

"Old" at head of columns refers to classes and rates as they existed under Official Classification No. 19, which covered a period extending from July 1, 1899, to December 31, 1899, inclusive. "New" refers to classes and rates as they exist under Official Classification No. 20, effective January 1, 1900, with the exception of such modifications as have been caused by supplements issued subsequent to that date.]

Article. ့	Classifica- tion.		Rates per 100 pounds.		Per- cent- age reduc-	Re- duced rate.
	Carload.		Carload.			
	Old.	New.	Old.	New.	tion.	
A. Autographic register machines, crated or boxed	Class.	Class.	Cents.	Cents,	Per ct.	Cents.
Automatic registering machines, crated or boxed	-1	3	35	50	20	40
C.						
Cash registers, crated or boxed	4	3	35	50	20	40
Grapes, in kegs, half barrels, or barrels (p.p.)	3	2	50	65	15	55
V. Vehicles, parts of: Poles, buggy, carriage, or wagon, finished Shafts or thills, buggy, carriage, or wagon, finished. Sleigh material, wooden, finished (n. o. s.) Wagon material, finished (n. o. s.)	4	3 3 3 3	35 35 35 35	50 50 50 50	20 20 20 20 20	40 40 40 40

The percentage reductions found in tables 8 and 9 are taken from Supplement 3, and they seem to be the most direct result of the shippers' protest against the increases found in the new classification. Rates between Chicago and New York are used to show the extent of these reductions. The differences between the reduced rates and the rates of 1899 and 1900 are shown by a comparison with the rates of Classifications 19 and 20. The 15 per cent reductions are applied only to articles in class 2, while reductions of 20 per cent are confined to class 3. Fully 75 per cent of the rates increased by Classification No. 20 have been reduced either 15 or 20 per cent by Supplement 3.

APPENDIX.

The resolutions and petition regarding the changes in freight classification made in Official Classification No. 20, presented by the representatives of the shipping interests to the Interstate Commerce Commission, and the official correspondence thereon, are as follows:

RESOLUTIONS AND PETITION OF SHIPPERS.

Whereas the committee known as the Official Classification Committee, representing 60 railroads in the central and eastern parts of the United States, have signified their intention of making radical changes in freight classification and advances in freight rates by carriers using such official classification; and

Whereas such violent changes, by increasing the part-carload rates over that of carload rates and increasing carload rates will greatly inure to the benefit of the large shipper and to the detriment of the small shipper, even to the destruction and exter-

mination of such small business interests; and

Whereas such committee, through its representative, Mr. C. E. Gill, has expressed its views and made known the determination of the carriers to forthwith put in force said increased rates on or about January 1, 1900, and will not consent to postponing the time sixty or ninety days, as requested by the representatives of the shippers here present: Therefore,

Be it resolved. That the representatives of such shipping interests here present sign the following petition, addressed to the honorable Interstate Commerce Commission:

Washington, D. C., December 21, 1899.

To the Interstate Commerce Commission,

Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen: The undersigned, shippers and representatives of various shipping interests, would respectfully and respectively petition your honorable body, in view of the testimony disclosed at the session held in this city on December 21, in the matter of changes in freight classification and advances in freight rates by carriers using the Official Classification, request that such testimony be laid before his honor, the Attorney-General of the United States, for the purpose of informing him of the

necessity of taking legal action by injunction or otherwise in the premises.

In view of the principles laid down in Thurber v. Railroad Company, March 21, 1890, and in view of the decision of the Supreme Court of the United States in the Trans-Missouri case (166 U. S., 290), and the decision in the Joint Traffic Association case (171 U. S., 505), we think the evidence will warrant such proceedings, as the action of the said Official Classification Committee is clearly in violation of federal statute known as the Shorman entitions test.

statute known as the Sherman antitrust act.

LETTER OF THE INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMISSION TO THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL.

INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMISSION, Washington, December 28, 1899.

Dear Sir: In the latter part of November of this year the Interstate Commerce Commission was informed, in various indirect ways, that the railroad companies using what is known as the Official Classification had prepared, or were preparing, a new classification to take effect January 1, 1900, under which numerous articles would be put in higher classes than those in which they have been and are now placed, with the effect of materially increasing the charges on the articles so advanced if the present classes the present classes are present classes. if the present class rates remain unchanged.

Generally speaking, the Official Classification is used by the carriers operating in that part of the United States north of the Ohio and Potomac rivers, and east of the Mississippi River, and is applied to traffic moving between points in that territory.

Shortly after this information was received, and, as we supposed, resulting from the fact that many shippers had learned of the proposed changes in classification, numerous complaints and protests were received by the Commission, and its inter-

vention was sought to prevent such changes from going into effect.

On or about the 29th of November, the Commission procured from Mr. C. E. Gill, chairman of the Official Classification Committee, a copy of the proposed classification. For the purpose of ascertaining what changes were made by this new classification a comparison was instituted between it and the one heretofore and now in use. A list of the changes shown by such comparison was prepared and a copy of the same is annexed hereto marked "A."

Acting upon the information so obtained and taking the only course permitted by the act to regulate commerce, the Commission instituted a proceeding of inquiry and investigation by an order made on the 8th day of this month, a copy of which is hereto annexed marked "B." The principal reasons which induced this action, and the names of the carriers which were required to appear before the Commission, are set forth in the recitals and directions contained in the order just mentioned. hearing of the matter was fixed for the 21st instant, and took place on that and the following day.

Notice of this hearing was given to many of the shippers whose protests had been received, and especially to the representatives of trade organizations in different cities, and such persons were invited to be present at the hearing, and many of them

were in attendance.

In the course of this hearing the Commission took the testimony of Mr. C. E. Gill, chairman of the Official Classification Committee; Mr. Nathan Guilford, traffic manager of the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad Company, and Mr. Frank Harriott, a member of the Official Classification Committee, who is also the general

freight traffic manager of the Erie Railroad.

At the conclusion of the testimony given by these witnesses an application was made by many of the shippers present that such testimony be transmitted to the Attorney-General of the United States, the claim being made by them that the evidence showed a violation of the act of Congress commonly known as the Sherman antitrust This application was in writing, and a copy of the same and of the signatures

thereto annexed hereto marked "C.

In compliance with this request the Commission herewith transmits to you, marked "D," a copy of the entire proceedings had at the hearing on the 21st and 22d instant, as the same were taken by its official stenographers and written out by them. is also sent with this a copy of the proposed new classification received from Mr. Gill, as above stated, known as No. 20, together with a copy of the Official Classification heretofore and now in use, known as No. 19. Since the order made on the 8th instant a large number of petitions and protests have been received from shippers in various parts of the territory above described, and such petitions have continued to be received down to the present time. These petitions and protests will be transmitted to you at any time upon your request, and the Commission will promptly furnish any further information which can be supplied from the records and files in its possession.

While it is not the province of the Commission to determine whether the testimony above referred to shows a violation of the antitrust law—and no opinion is expressed upon that point—there are certain features of the case to which we deem it proper to

call your attention.

With some unimportant exceptions, the general fact appears to be that the class rates at present in force, and which will presumably be applied to the new classifica-tion, are now the same as or higher than they were in 1887, when the act to regulate

commerce was passed.

Almost all the changes shown in the new classification are from lower to higher classes. The result will be, if the present class rates are continued, that charges on any article advanced to a higher class will be increased by the difference between the rates applied to the class in which the article was formerly placed and the higher rates of the class to which it has been advanced. This increase is considerable in all cases and very great in many cases, amounting in some instances to 100 per cent or

These changes in classification are to be made for the conceded purposes of increasing the rates on the articles advanced and thereby increasing the revenue derived by the carriers from the transportation of such articles. The number and variety of articles advanced is shown by a list of the same annexed hereto, as above stated.

The protesting shippers assert that increases in rates to the extent effected by these changes in classification are without justification and will result in excessive charges upon most, if not all, of the articles in question. They also allege that hardship and injustice will further result from the changes which will be made in the relation of rates, and especially from the increases in the difference between carload and less than carload charges. If their contention in these respects is well founded, as to which we express no opinion, a wrong is about to be accomplished which the Commission is powerless to prevent, and for which the act to regulate commerce affords no adequate redress. The facts above set forth are submitted for your consideration.

Very respectfully,

MARTIN A. KNAPP, Chairman.

Hon. John W. Griggs, Attorney-General, Washington, D. C.

LETTER OF THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL TO THE INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMISSION.

Department of Justice, Washington, D. C., December 30, 1899.

GENTLEMEN: I am in receipt of your communication of the 28th instant, and have given the matter such careful consideration as the limited time at my command has

permitted.

It appears that on the 8th instant the Interstate Commerce Commission ordered an inquiry with respect to certain changes in freight classification made by "Official Classification No. 20," which is to take effect January 1, 1900. At the conclusion of the testimony taken at the hearing on the 21st and 22d instants, certain protesting shippers requested that a transcript of the proceedings be transmitted to the Attorney-General, claiming that a violation of the antitrust law had been shown. Accordingly, you have transmitted copies of "Official Classifications No. 19 and No. 20," a copy of the order for the hearing, a transcript of the proceedings, and a copy of the resolution and petition of certain shippers. You express no opinion upon the matter, but properly leave me to determine whether the facts shown warrant me in applying for an injunction to restrain the operation of the new classification on the ground that in

adopting it the railroad companies violated the antitrust law.

The Interstate Commerce Act went into effect in 1887. To comply with its provisions it was necessary for railroad companies operating in the same territory to simplify their freight classification. Accordingly, at a convention of the railroads a committee was appointed to prepare an official classification and submit it to the companies for their adoption. This was done, and an official classification was adopted, which was filed with the Interstate Commerce Commission and went into effect April 1, 1887. Since that time nineteen official classifications have been prepared, submitted to the railroad companies, adopted, and filed. During the current year two classifications were filed, No. 18 on February 1, 1899, and No. 19 (now in force) on July 1, 1899. It appears from the testimony taken before you that this Official Classification is used, substantially, by the carriers operating in that part of the United States north of the Ohio and Potomac rivers and east of the Mississippi River. There is an Official Classification Committee, composed of some fourteen railroad officers from different sections. This committee meets on the call of its chairman, or upon the request of three members. At its meetings suggested changes are considered. Such changes as the committee with substantial unanimity recommend are noted by the chairman and incorporated into a new official classification, which is then submitted to each company for its individual action. Some sixty railroad companies thus independently pass upon the classification has been thus adopted, files it with the Interstate Commerce Commission in compliance with the law.

The legality of the method of preparing, adopting, and filing the Official Classification has never before been questioned, nor, indeed, was it questioned in the complaints leading to your order of the 8th instant, which were that the changes made are "discriminating and wrongful" and will subject shippers and shipments in the territory affected "to unreasonable charges and unjust discrimination and undue prejudice and disadvantage." The hearing was had to permit the carriers to explain to the shippers the reasons for the proposed changes, with a view to an amicable adjustment of the differences. During the course of the testimony it was repeatedly suggested that your Commission had no power to take official action at that time, but that after the classification had gone into effect it would be open to shippers to make formal complaint invoking the remedy provided for unreasonable rates and unjust discrimination by the Interstate Commerce Law. During the course of the

hearing the shippers who were present protesting against the changes requested the carriers to postpone the time for the Official Classification to take effect for sixty or ninety days. This request was refused, the carriers insisting that the effect of the changes could only be determined by experience, and stating that they would be quite willing to consider complaints and correct changes which practical operation should prove to be unjust. It was after this request for a postponement had been refused that some of the shippers presented to the Commission the resolution and petition which you have transmitted.

This resolution recites that whereas the changes made by the new Official Classification, by increasing less than carload rates over carload rates, will greatly inure to the benefit of the large shippers and to the detriment of the small shippers; and whereas a postponement of their operation has been refused, therefore the shippers petition the Commission to lay the testimony before the Attorney-General in order that he may take action under the antitrust law to prevent the Official Classification

from going into operation.

In your communication, after transmitting the testimony and papers which show

the facts above detailed, you say:

"These changes in classification are to be made for the conceded purpose of increasing the rates on the articles advanced, and thereby increasing the revenue derived by the carriers from the transportation of such articles. The number and variety of

articles advanced is shown by a list of the same annexed as above stated.

"The protesting shippers assert that increases in rates to the extent effected by these changes in classification are without justification, and will result in excessive charges upon most if not all of the articles in question. They also allege that hardship and injustice will further result from the changes which will be made in the relation of rates, and especially from the increases in the difference between carload and less

than carload charges.'

It is apparent from the protests originally filed, from the terms of your order of the 8th instant, from the resolution and petition presented by the shippers, and from your own communication that it is the changes made and not the method of making them which is complained of. Under the classification which has obtained for many years, all freight is divided into six classes. For these classes the railroad companies fix graded rates. A change from a lower to a higher class would increase the rate if the existing rates are maintained. It is against the increased rate thus produced that the shippers protest. They claim: (1) The changes will result in unreasonable rates; (2) in unjust discrimination against the small in favor of the large shippers; (3) in charging more for a short than a long haul. Obviously, these are matters for the consideration of the Interstate Commerce Commission. A railroad company may raise its rates to an unreasonable point; it may discriminate among its shippers; it may charge more for a short than for a long haul, but none of these acts, however

may charge more for a short than for a long hauf, but home unjust and wrongful, amounts to a violation of the antitrust law.

To authorize the Attorney-General to direct an injunction proceeding under this authorize that there is a "contract, combination, * * * or conlaw it must be shown that there is a "contract, combination, * * * or conspiracy in restraint of trade or commerce among the several States." In the first place, there is no contract, combination, or conspiracy shown. There is consultation by representative railroad men in committee respecting suggested changes in classification. There is subsequent independent action by railroad companies in the adoption of the new classification recommended by the committee. The testimony taken does not show that any railroad company acted under compulsion of a combination in adopting the Official Classification. It must be conceded that a common classification by railroad companies operating in the same territory is a desirable thing. Will it be insisted that railroad companies can not consult respecting freight classification? Or that, because one railroad company adopts a certain classification, another can not? The antitrust law says there must be a contract or combination or This must be shown. And it must be shown to restrain individual conspiracy. action. This is not shown in the testimony submitted.

Moreover, there must not only be a contract, combination, or conspiracy, but it must be in restraint of interstate commerce. As applied to carriers, this means a combination to suppress competition. It is only by suppressing competition and arbitrarily fixing rates that a restraint can be put upon interstate commerce. The filing of an official classification does not fix the rates. It places articles in certain classes, but the rates for the classes are determined by the railroad companies outside of the classification. If a railroad company maintains the existing rates, the change of an article from a lower to a higher class will increase the rate, but from aught that appears in this testimony every railroad company using the classification is at liberty at any time to change the existing rates upon giving the notice required by the Interstate Commerce Act. Moreover, each railroad company is free to take any article out

of the existing classification by making a commodity rate. In other words, no suppression of competition, no arbitrary fixing of rates, no restraint of interstate com-

merce, is shown.

The Trans-Missouri and Joint Traffic Association cases afford no precedent for the action requested in this case. Each of those associations was formed by a contract, under which the companies selected a central authority to fix and maintain rates. There was an absolute suppression of competition. The power of independent action was destroyed. No company could change a rate fixed by the managers of the association without subjecting itself to a penalty.

If the testimony submitted showed a combination among the railroad companies to restrain commerce among the several States, I would not hesitate to invoke the remedy provided by the antitrust law; but to take such action upon the faith of the facts submitted would not only be futile, but absurd. If there be a remedy for the complaining shippers, it lies in an appeal to your Commission under the Interstate

Commerce Law.

Respectfully,

John W. Griggs, Attorney-General.

The Interstate Commerce Commission.

LETTER OF THE INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMISSION TO THE COMPLAINANTS.

Interstate Commerce Commission,
Office of the Secretary,
Washington, D. C., January 6, 1900.

The Commission has received the communication forwarded by you protesting against changes in the Official Classification, and consequent advances in freight rates,

by carriers using that classification.

Numerous complaints of a similar character were filed with the Commission prior to December 8, on which date an order was made reciting the substance of such complaints and directing certain carriers to appear before the Commission for investigation on December 21. Before the hearing, various commercial organizations and many of the protesting shippers were notified that the investigation had been instituted, and that they would have an opportunity to be heard on the day appointed, but that no order correcting the classification or rates in question could be issued in such proceeding, as the same was necessarily limited under the statute to the purposes

of a general inquiry. This announcement was also made at the hearing.

Toward the close of the hearing a committee of the shippers presented a petition alleging that the testimony disclosed a violation of the antitrust law by the carriers, and asking the Commission to transmit such testimony to the Attorney-General of the United States. The Commission has no power and is not charged with any duty of applying or enforcing the antitrust act, but it complied with this request and its letter of transmittal set forth the main features of the case, though without recommendation or expression of opinion. The Attorney-General replied in a communication, dated December 30, in which he held, after reviewing the testimony, that the carriers in agreeing upon this classification were not acting in restraint of trade or commerce, and he therefore declined to bring suit for violation of the antitrust law, as requested by the shippers. If desired, a copy of this correspondence between the Commission and the Attorney-General will be furnished.

A formal complaint against a carrier or number of carriers, alleging the act to regulate commerce to be violated by the change in classification or increased rate on any commodity, may be filed with the Commission by any person, firm, company, mercantile society, or voluntary association, and will have prompt attention. It should be stated, however, that while the Commission can order the discontinuance of wrongful discrimination and unreasonable rates, it is without authority, as the act now stands, to prescribe reasonable rates for future observance by the carriers, or to secure

prompt enforcement of any of its decisions.

Very respectfully,

Edw. A. Moseley, Secretary.

